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PERIMETER FENCING INSTALLED AS CAMP SECURITY MEASURE

Photo by Cheryll Ruley

Heightened security in light of the September 11 terror attacks on the United States include over seven miles of fencing currently being installed around the cantonment or active duty area of Camp Grayling. The Camp's beach and boat launch (above), open for years to the public, is now off-limits. Public access at McIntyre Landing remains open.

CAMP GRAYLING – Events of September 11, and those following, have made a significant impact on all U.S. military installations worldwide, with the most impact on security.

The Department of Defense (DOD) mandates all installation commanders adhere to current threat condition protection measures for facilities, soldiers, civilian employees and comply with the appropriate level of Force Protection.

In addition to the events of "9-11," there have been numerous threats made against Michigan schools, banks and Camp Grayling facilities -- all of which must be taken seriously until proven otherwise.

A very significant result is the addition of perimeter fence on the Camp Grayling cantonment area and limiting of access to the installation's facilities for official use only. Before September 11, Camp Grayling was one of the only unfenced military installations in the United States and across the globe.

The fencing being installed, at the cost of almost $400,000, is being paid for by federal funding and includes about 7.5 miles of fencing and gates.

Depending on the perceived threat assessment, the level of access to the main camp area will vary and can be limited to those who require access for official business only.

Mooring of boats off Camp Grayling shoreline on Lake Margrethe has been eliminated and use of Camp Grayling's boat launch site to the public has been discontinued.

The public is encouraged to continue to use the Camp Grayling recreational leased boat launch operated by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on the northwest side of the lake, also known as McIntyre Landing boat launch.

Grayling Police foil possible murder plot

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Quick thinking by a tenant of the Arbor Court Apartments in Grayling helped police capture a downstate man before he could commit any further crimes.

Jamie Emery Pierce, 26, was arrested December 6, less than 24 hours after a neighbor in the building where he had been staying with a co-worker and his wife, found a note in a common hallway revealing a possible plot to kidnap, rape and murder a local woman.

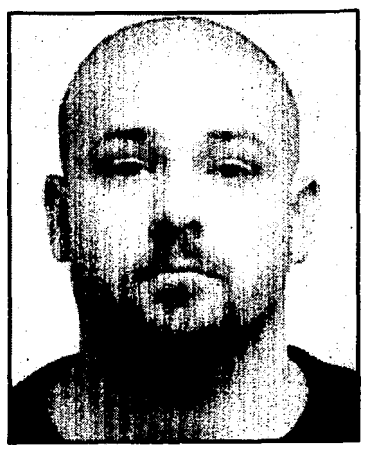
The letter was turned over to Grayling Patrolman Al Somero who, along with Detective Dennis Long, began the investigation immediately to prevent a tragedy. Police believe the letter, signed with just the initial "J," was penned by Pierce.

Once it was determined Pierce was a suspect, a background check was performed and police discovered the man has been wanted since March 31 on two counts of 2nd degree criminal sexual conduct (CSC) by the Garden City Police Department in Wayne County.

Police also discovered Pierce was released from prison in May 2000 after serving time for three previous convictions of CSC and a conviction of breaking and entering with intent to commit CSC from 1995 and 1996.

According to Det. Long, Pierce had been working at a fast food restaurant in Grayling with the husband of the woman targeted in the letter, who told police his wife had rebuffed the advances of the suspect on more than one occasion.

The couple had taken Pierce and a female acquaintance into their home after the suspect claimed they had no place to live. Pierce came to Grayling in April and reportedly told co-workers he was avoiding downstate police because he hadn't paid child support. Outstanding charges of non-payment of child support have not been substantiated.



Jamie Emery Pierce was arrested by Grayling Police last week after a note threatening rape and murder was discovered at a local apartment complex.

Police found Pierce in Crawford County following an extensive search of local motels, apartments and rental units here and in Roscommon County.

Thus far locally, Pierce has been charged with one count of attempted CSC. Det. Long said the case is currently under review by the Prosecutor's Office and more charges may be forthcoming. In the meantime, Pierce has been sent back to Garden City to face the two CSC charges filed there. He is also a suspect in numerous other unsolved cases of forcible criminal sexual conduct in that area.

Det. Long, who described Pierce as a "serial rapist," said, "We know what this guy is capable of and we think there may be others in the Grayling area who have had contact with this predator. We hope they will recognize his face and come forward to talk to us."

Det. Long can be reached at (989) 348-4601.

Thief steals local family's cherished holiday spirit

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Many of us will spend this holiday season without the company of a loved one we have lost this year. Joan Papendick, of Grayling, is one of them.

Married for 50 years to her late husband, Clifton or "Kip" as he was known by many, Mrs. Papendick is struggling with the notion of going on with cherished family traditions without him. Holiday decorating is one of them.

Since the early 1960s, the Papendick home on Smith Street has been decorated for the holidays, much to the delight of neighbors and passersby. The highlight of the family's Christmas display has always been a six-foot tall Santa resting comfortably before the glow of a simulated wood stove on the front lawn.

With some difficulty, but much determination, Mrs. Papendick said she just had to decorate the front yard again this year, with love and in honor of Kip, who won an award back in 1963 for the outdoor display many have grown to love. Some have even sat little ones on Santa's lap for a photo.

Mrs. Papendick and her two daughters have been without their husband and father since September 19, and now are without the one thing that was helping make this holiday seem a little less lonely. The Santa they so lovingly placed in his chair by the fire has been stolen.

Mrs. Papendick said she reported Santa missing to the Grayling Police late Sunday evening, December 9. She said she turned off the display lights around 10 p.m. and Santa was still there. Before retiring for the evening, she glanced out her living room window around 11 p.m. and in the glow from a nearby streetlight, noticed Santa's chair was empty.

Santa has been stolen before, but this occurrence has been heartbreaking for Mrs. Papendick and her family. She is hoping the person or people who took the star of Kip's display would return him to his rightful place before long.

Anyone having knowledge of the whereabouts of this Santa is asked to contact the Grayling Police Department at 348-4601.

Photo by Cheryll Ruley

Santa's chair has been empty since Sunday night. He was part of a display that has graced the Papendick lawn on Smith Street for nearly 40 years. He has turned up missing before, but this year his disappearance has caused more heartbreak than ever for a grieving family.

Thanksgiving Day armed robbery suspect arrested

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

A 49-year old man known by law enforcement to have resided in Grayling, Gaylord and Houghton Lake, was arrested early Saturday evening for allegedly holding up the E-Z Mart Phillips 66 station on Thanksgiving Day.

Grayling Detective Dennis Long said following his arrest, Gary William Shepherd gave a "full admission" of robbing a female gas station attendant of $400 and putting her in a back room while he made his getaway around 1:15 p.m. that day. Shepherd told police he had been drinking alcohol before the incident.

The attendant told police, Shepherd indicated he had a handgun and threatened to shoot her, but no weapon has been recovered.

Long said his department had been tight-lipped about the crime to avoid compromising the investigation until a list of suspects was narrowed down and an arrest was made.

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Road Commission approves 5-year plan

▶ North Down River Road project on tap for 2002 using federal money

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Road Commission Board established its five-year plan for projects on roads eligible for federal Transportation Equity Act 21 (TEA-21) money last week, leaving a North Down River Road improvement project on tap for 2002.

TEA-21 money is distributed through annual "task force" meetings involving multiple counties.

The Road Commission, Crawford County Transportation Authority (TA), and City of Grayling are all eligible to receive funds through the task force process. The entities are required to have at least a three-year plan in place prior to the task force meeting, and a public hearing must be held prior to the approval of the plan. (The public hearing was held last Thursday. The five-year plan was approved by the Road Commission Board 3-0 after the hearing. City and TA representatives verbally approved the plan at the hearing.)

The five-year plan includes some money for the Transportation Authority for "tools and/or equipment" and sets up a tentative funding schedule for the following Road Commission road projects:

1) 2002 – North Down River Road from Old 27 to the I-75 exit ramp; North Higgins Lake Drive from Oak Road east 2.25 miles;

2) 2003 – McMasters Bridge Road from M-72 to North Down River Road;

3) 2004 – no project;

4) 2005 – North Down River Road from Wakeley Bridge Road to Stephan Bridge Road;

5) 2006 – Chase Bridge Road from Pere Cheney Road to M-72.

(Note: Federal task force money can only be used on certain roads within the county. According to the Road Commission, the projects listed in the five-year plan "are subject to change.")

The Road Commission's most immediate project, the 2002 North Down River Road resurfacing job, is proceeding. Northwest Design Group (NDG), the Road Commission's engineering firm, has been working on the plans in conjunction with the City of Grayling, which is chipping in some money to the project to help with curb, sidewalk, and gutter on the south side of the road.

NDG presented the final plans to the Road Commission Board on Thursday, December 6, and the board approved them with a 3-0 vote. Howard Haselschwardt of NDG said the plans will now be submitted to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and MDOT is expected to let the project for bids in March. Construction is expected to start in May, he said.

The North Down River Road project will cost somewhere in the neighborhood of $600,000.

The Road Commission must now go to the task force meeting, along with road commissions, transportation authorities, and cities from eight other northern Michigan counties, to negotiate a plan for spending the TEA-21 money available to the nine counties in Crawford's task force.

Non-profits offered help through Community Corrections

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

The Northern Michigan Community Corrections Advisory Board (NMCCAB) is looking for ways to serve the Crawford County community. The Board is tasked with finding community service projects for non-violent offenders in lieu of jail time.

One way the Board can help is to find non-profit organizations in need of help on a one-day or longer project completed by a supervised Saturday Work Crew.

The Board works with judges, probation officers, jail administrators, police and sheriff's departments to determine which non-violent offenders are offered the community service work. Those offered the work must pay a $30 fee to work an eight-hour day on the project. A list of rules for crew members are strictly enforced by supervisors, as public safety is the Board's number one priority.

The Saturday Work Crew program is currently in place in both Otsego and Cheboygan Counties. Board members are eager to start the same program in Crawford County, but need input from local non-profit groups before work crews can be formed.

The crews can perform many tasks from clean-up to painting, inside and out, at no cost to the organization.

The NMCCAB is comprised, in part, by individuals representing sheriff's departments, city police departments, judges of the circuit, district and probate courts, county boards of commissioners, city councils, public/mental health, prosecuting attorney's office, criminal defense attorneys, probation offices, the business community, the media, and the general public.

Any non-profit group with a project just waiting for a work crew to come by and needing more information about the advantages of the Saturday Work Crew program should contact Marie Frick at (989) 732-3551, ext. 16 or, in Grayling (Tuesdays only) at 344-0843. Please be sure to leave a message if Frick is unavailable.

Any questions regarding NMCCAB can be directed to Andra Ziemke at the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) at (989) 732-3551, ext. 10 or check out NEMCOG's web site at: www.nemcog.org.

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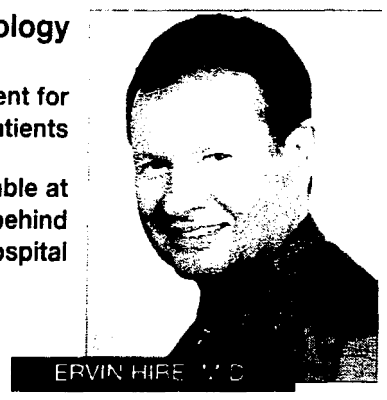
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Davis re-appointed Chief Judge of 46th Circuit Trial Court

LANSING – The Michigan Supreme Court has recently issued an order re-appointing the Honorable Alton T. Davis as Chief Judge for the 46th Circuit Trial Court. As the chief judge, Davis is responsible for the administration of all trial courts in Crawford, Kalkaska, and Otsego Counties.

Under a separate court order, the Michigan Supreme Court merged the six local trial courts in Crawford, Kalkaska and Otsego Counties into a single unified trial court in May 1996. Judge Davis was appointed the Chief Judge of the newly-formed court that year and has been re-appointed to the same position every two years since then.

Under Davis's administration, the local trial courts have successfully implemented positive changes toward court reform. The Honorable Maura D. Corrigan, Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, specifically recognized Judge Davis and the local trial court for the many successes in court reform... "Your accomplishments have not only served your communities well, but have helped other courts and communities in our state by leading the way in demonstrating how we can do things differently and more effectively," (August 27, 2001).

As part of court reform, Judge Davis implemented changes resulting in quicker access to the courts, reduced time periods in handling cases, reduced jury terms, implemented sweeping changes using technological advancements, and, through aggressively reducing receivables and capping expenses where possible, has reduced the net costs to the local counties by $1.5 million since May 1996 when compared to the same number of years prior to court reform.

Chief Judge Davis' reappointment is for another two-year term.

High winds, downed trees cause outages

High winds last Wednesday night, reaching speeds of over 45 m.p.h., blew trees down across roads and many power lines, leaving some Great Lakes Energy customers without power, including some in parts of Crawford County.

Power outages were widespread across Michigan as the state experienced an unseasonably warm weather front that brought temperatures in the 60's to the Lower Peninsula.

Great Lakes spokesman Dave Guzniczak said an estimated 3,900 of his company's customers were without power for some time on Wednesday night and into Thursday morning and line crews worked into the night to restore power.

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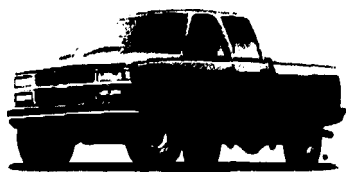

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Dr. Gorukanti will be available at the Grayling Professional Building, 210 Meadows Drive, Grayling.
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Silencer does no good for downstate hunter

A 23-inch silencer didn't help a downstate hunter, it only hurt his chances of escaping heavy state and federal charges. The hunter, identified as 48-year old Luigi Laise of Sterling Heights, was arrested for hunting with a silencer on opening day of firearm deer season.

According to court records, Laise waived his right to preliminary examination on December 4 in 83rd District Court on the state charges of possession of a silencer and felon in possession of a firearm. Laise could be sentenced to five years in prison if convicted of both charges. He is also facing a habitual offender charge because he was convicted in 1988 and 1995 on felony drug charges.

Laise was seen shooting a deer over a large bait pile on opening day of deer season while under surveillance by local Department of Natural Resources conservation officers and was arrested. The bait pile was described as a truckload of sugar beets and several bales of hay -- an amount banned to prevent the spread of bovine tuberculosis in the northern Michigan whitetail herds.

The silencer Laise was found to have attached to his rifle added to his troubles, the federal charge of manufacturing or possessing a silencer, for which Laise may be ordered to spend 10 years behind bars and pay a hefty $250,000 fine.

Laise was also issued citations for shooting a deer outside of hunting hours, possession of a deer without a license or kill tag and violation of the current bait ban.

With the exception of the silencer offense, five other downstate men are reported to have been cited recently on like charges. The DNR reportedly suspects Laise belongs to one of many groups believed to have illegally harvested deer from large, privately-owned tracts of land in northern Crawford County, and then the meat is taken downstate for sale.

Details of the design and construction of the silencer will be forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF).

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Teens fined, given 90-day sentence for digging up gravesite

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Following guilty pleas on the lesser charge of malicious destruction of property over $200, two teens were sentenced last week for their part in attempting to unearth a gravesite in Beaver Creek's historic Pere Cheney Cemetery in May.

Joshua James Strother, of Higgins Lake, and Paul Michael Saylor, of Roscommon, both now 18 years old, were originally charged with disinterment/mutilation of a grave and faced up to 10 years in prison and/or a fine of up to $5,000 for the crime.

On May 4, turkey hunters in the area of the cemetery, located in southern Crawford County, spotted the teens digging there and reported the sighting to 911 Central Dispatch. The pair, along with an unnamed 16-year old juvenile, had managed to dig three to four feet down into the grave before they were spotted, but no skeletal remains of the grave dated 1919 were disturbed.

Deputies were able to track down the suspects with the help of the hunters who gave a detailed description of their vehicle. The suspects also left footprints, shovels and other evidence at the gravesite.

Upon questioning last spring, the pair told Crawford County Sheriff's deputies they were trying to find rings and other jewelry, but their story later changed during negotiations with Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss when it was revealed the suspects had heard there was a witch in the grave and they were attempting to dig her out.

Strother and Saylor appeared earlier this month in 46th Circuit Trial Court and were sentenced to 90 days in jail, ordered to pay $700 in fines and court costs, and perform 80 hours of community service.

Fire fighters seek help with educational program

Chief Duane Brooks of the Grayling City/Township Fire Department said last week his department is continuing a commitment to fire prevention. As part of this commitment, the department is organizing its annual Fire and Burn Safety Program for the children of Grayling.

Over 750 youngsters, ages five through 12, will receive educational fire prevention materials created and geared to each specific age level.

This comprehensive program includes fire safety guidebooks containing 24 activity pages designed by educators to stimulate the child's awareness and independent thinking about the everyday fire hazards he or she may encounter.

Various other fire safety booklets, folders, posters, and brochures are made available to encourage the prevention of destructive fires, painful burns, disfiguring injuries, and needless death.

Bob Koch of the National Fire Safety Council, Inc. (NFSC) will be helping local fire fighters in planning and delivering programs to the school children. He is the Area Fire Safety Coordinator of the NFSC, a federal tax-exempt, 501(c)3 non-profit organization and all donations are tax-deductible.

The Grayling City/Township Fire Department is in the process of mailing sponsor request letters explaining the entire program to area business, industrial and professional leaders, asking for their financial support to help cover the cost of the materials used by the department.

Chief Brooks stresses to prospective sponsors this is the only program of this type the Grayling City/Township Fire Department will be conducting this year. Should any other person solicit for support, especially by phone or in person, and does not have a letter from Chief Duane Brooks, please contact the fire department immediately.

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Grant may help with library tree planting

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Crawford County Environmental Monitor Pat Merrill has applied for a $200 matching grant to plant trees at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, currently under construction.

The matching funds would come from Merrill's environmental budget and, if the grant is approved, would make possible the planting of five flowering crab apple trees to add to the planned landscaping.

Merrill told the Crawford County Board of Commissioners each tree planted would represent a school in the Crawford AuSable School District.

Thanksgiving Day armed robbery suspect arrested

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Shepherd was arraigned Monday, December 10 in 83rd District Court before the Honorable John Hunter on one count of armed robbery. He is currently being held in the Crawford County Jail and his bond has been set at $15,000 cash or surety.

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OPINIONS

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by Richard Milliman

Straight party voting appears doomed

THE DAYS OF election-day simplicity when voters can choose all candidates of one party or the other with a single twitch of the wrist appear doomed in Michigan.

Republicans in the capitol -- in straight party voting fashion, by the way -- seek to make Michigan the 35th state to ban the straight party ballot in general elections.

No longer will it be possible for party loyalists to pull a single lever, mark a single square, punch a single chad to vote for all the Democrats or all the Republicans on the ballot.

Voters still can choose all Democrats or all Republicans, but they'll have to pull a lever, mark a square, punch a chad for each candidate of their choice for each office. With Michigan's bedsheet ballots, that can be a lot of work, and it can take a lot of time.

In the aftermath of the 2000 vote-counting in Florida, a general cry went up across the nation for election reform to make voting easier and more secure. This plan does neither.

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GOP BACKERS INSIST the change will produce better citizenship, because voters must study candidates all down the ballot, and what they stand for.

"The goal is to focus attention on each individual race, which included judicial races and the ballot proposals," said state Sen. Bill Bullard, the bill's sponsor. He's right that voters usually don't pay too much attention to candidates for lesser offices. They know candidates for president or governor, but not much about those running for state education boards, and frequently even less about candidates for local offices.

The single uniting factor on the ballot is party affiliation. It still can be a guide for voters, but without a straight ticket vote, it will take dedication and endurance to sift through the 15 state offices, plus local races, which will be on the 2002 ballot.

Voter falloff at the bottom of the ticket is high; 25 percent of those who voted in 2000 skipped the supreme court races. Falloff could be even higher if voters must select each candidate individually.

"It gives more power to the individual," claims Rusty Hills, state GOP chair.

Perhaps, but it also gives the individual more work to do. Voters deserve ways to make it easier to vote, not tougher.

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THE REAL REASON for junking straight party voting?

State Rep. Buzz Thomas, new Democratic leader in the state house, put his finger on it directly: Partisan politics.

"(Republicans) want to eliminate straight party voting because more Democrats vote straight party than Republicans," he claims.

Rep. Thomas is correct on his figures. Election officials estimate 40 percent of the state vote is straight ticket. In the 2000 presidential election in Detroit, which votes about 90 percent Democratic, 78 percent of the votes were straight party.

Among union and party workers, "Make it emphatic, vote straight Democratic" long has been a tool for training voters. It's also a directive, and it seems to work.

Republicans vote the straight ballot, too. In the 2000 election in Republican leaning Kent County, 51 percent of the vote was straight party, and 61 percent of those were Republican votes.

Doing away with the straight ticket obviously favors Republicans.

Both the Michigan Association of County Clerks and the Michigan Townships Association oppose eliminating straight ticket voting. These are the folks who run the election process in Michigan, and they fear it will make voting more complicated with longer lines, more waiting, and added difficulty for older voters.

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THE KEY FIGURE in straight ticket voting is the head of the ticket .... the top office on the ballot to be filled.

Every four years, that's the president; in non-presidential years in Michigan, that's the governor or possibly the candidate for United States senate.

With straight ticket voting, many voters plunk their vote straight party for president or governor or senator, and the rest of the ticket rides on the coattails.

Take a look at the Michigan picture next year.

Republicans will probably lead with Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus, for governor, and State Rep. Andrew Raczkowski for U.S. senate.

Democrats likely will have 24-year incumbent Carl Levin for senate, and either Atty. Gen. Jennifer Granholm, U.S. Rep. Dave Bonior or former Gov. Jim Blanchard for governor.

What, if any, would be the coattail effects with that lineup?

We may never know.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

WASHINGTON NOTES

By Carl Levin, U.S. Senator (D) Michigan

A Real Economic Stimulus Package

On November 26, the National Bureau of Economic Research made official what most Americans have known for months-after an unprecedented ten years of healthy growth, our economy has slipped into recession. While economic data indicate this recession began as early as March, it no doubt has been made more severe by the terrorist attacks of September 11.

In recent weeks we've seen a sharp increase in the number of Americans losing their jobs while others have seen their hours cut back as the economy has slowed. When Americans aren't working, they aren't spending and ultimately that means even more layoffs. Michigan alone has almost 279,000 workers who are without jobs.

I believe that the federal government has an obligation to respond to this recession with policies that help those most affected by the downturn and which can quickly restore our economic health. Given the tremendous spirit of unity we've seen since September 11, I have been hopeful that Washington could reach agreement on what's known as a "stimulus" package.

One important sign that we could reach bipartisan agreement on such legislation came several weeks ago when the leaders of our Senate and House Budget Committees - two Republicans and two Democrats - agreed on principles that should determine the content of any stimulus package. They agreed it should have an immediate impact on our economy and provide money to those most likely to spend it now. And they agreed the stimulus should be temporary to make sure it didn't lead to massive deficits in the future.

This bipartisan group provided Congress with a roadmap that could have led to broad agreement on a stimulus package. Instead the Republican leadership in Congress has taken the stimulus bill on a detour that could do lasting damage to the economy.

The GOP leadership plan would lock into place tax cuts that are not only permanent but also tilted toward the wealthiest taxpayers and large corporations. Unlike broad based tax relief for working families and incentives for business investment, these tax cuts will not jump-start the economy.

What they will do is explode the budget deficit in future years and provide over 55% of individual tax cut benefits to the top 1% of taxpayers. If these cuts - some $143 billion worth - were signed into law, they'd produce big budget deficits and higher interest rates down the road. History has taught us that high interest rates are a sure prescription for economic stagnation and higher unemployment.

Because the Republican leadership plan devotes so much to tax cuts for the highest income Americans, it contains far too little assistance for Americans who have lost their jobs in this recession. There's also less money to beef up security at our borders, prepare our local police and firefighters for new terrorist threats and stockpile the medications we need to combat recession by putting money into the economy while making our country more capable of combating terrorism.

Fortunately, the Senate Finance Committee has reported out a stimulus bill that avoids the pitfalls of the Republican leadership plan. There are several advantages to the finance committee plan. First, it's focused on getting the economy moving today, as most all of its economic impact would be felt in 2002, when we need it. Again in contrast, the GOP plan tax cuts mainly occur after 2002.

Second, the finance committee plan, while providing incentives for businesses to invest immediately, also gives the greatest benefit to working families and those who lost their jobs as a result of the recession. Besides costing far less than the proposed tax cuts, providing federal assistance to these families is a real stimulus because it is money that cash-strapped families will put directly into the economy, which in turn can lead to new hiring.

Finally, because it will cost some $100 billion less than the GOP plan, the finance committee plan will help control future budget deficits, the key to both short-term and long-term economic health.

As I write these words, negotiations over a stimulus package are taking place. While the GOP leadership appears unwilling to give up its tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans, many others in the Senate, myself included, are reluctant to pass legislation that will do little to help the economy today and leave it weaker tomorrow. I'm hopeful, however, that we can still achieve a bipartisan stimulus bill that can get the economy moving, and keep it moving, in the future.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. Senator from Michigan.

VIEWPOINT

United States Postal Service - Postal News

Mailing tips to get letters to the North Pole

Santa Claus has a lot in common with the United States Postal Service. Neither rain nor snow nor gloom of night keeps Santa from his appointed rounds at the homes of millions of children the world over.

Of course, Santa been doing it a bit longer than we have. But since 1775, he's relied almost exclusively on the Postal Service to bring him letters from girls and boys all across America.

This holiday season will be no different. The Postal Service is gearing up for a huge mail delivery to the North Pole to help Santa and his elves get ready for the big day.

Getting Mail to Santa - Quickly and Safely

Santa's asked us to share these easy tips with children and families to help their letters get to him as quickly and safely as possible:

• Children should ask their parents for help addressing and putting stamps on their letters. This can avoid misspellings, which can slow down letters, or using too much or too little postage.

•Like all mail, it's important that letters to Santa include a complete return address.

• Santa enjoys candy canes and cookies and his reindeer enjoy fresh hay. But because these treats can be damaged or crushed when sent in a regular envelope, Santa says it's better to leave them out on Christmas Eve than to mail them.

• No extra packaging material, such as string or tape, is needed on a letter to santa. The glue on the envelope flap is all that's needed.

•Letters to Santa - and other holiday mail - can be given right to your letter carrier at your door, rather than placing it in a collection box or making a special trip to the post office. And, as always, families with curbside mailboxes can put their mail in their mailbox for pick-up.

Following these helpful hints can keep letters to Santa moving as quickly as possible and avoid any delays that could result from the appearance of the envelope or the way the letter is prepared. To learn more about new mail safety measures put into place by the Postal Service, visit www.usps.com.

Helping Santa Help Those in Need

While Santa himself receives most of the letters addressed to him, some are sent to certified organizations and individuals who help those in need. This tradition began in 1912, when Postmaster General Frank H. Hitchcock authorized postmasters to share letters to Santa with local charities and others.

Many Santa letters will be answered by a variety of Santa's helpers - charitable organizations, employees of local post offices, and volunteers who simply want to help a child's holiday wishes come true.

Letters to Santa Claus are handled by local post offices, so policies may vary from city to city. Your local post office can tell you how your child's letter to Santa will be handled.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

EARLY DEADLINES FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Our office will close at noon on Monday, Christmas Eve, December 24th. Deadlines for the December 27th Avalanche will be:

Display Ads • • Wed. Dec. 19 5 pm
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The Avalanche office will reopen on Wednesday, December 26th at 9 am.

Our office will close at noon on Monday, New Year's Eve, December 31st. Deadlines for the January 3, 2002 Avalanche will be:

Display Ads • • Wed. Dec. 26
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The Avalanche office will reopen on Wednesday, January 2nd at 9 a.m.

BRIEFS

Booster Club announces raffle winners

The Grayling Youth Booster Club 50/50 raffle winners of $25 each for the week of December 9 are Rena Neilson, Kalei Glozier, and Harold Jostock.

Farm-By-Lantern-Light next weekend

Wellington Farm Park, decorated for the holidays, is offering lantern-lit tours of the living history park Friday and Saturday, December 14 and 15. Reservations for the rides are highly encouraged. Participants will tour the grounds and many buildings, while listening to interpreters tell stories of Christmas on a rural farm in the Depression Era. The first tour departs each evening at 6:30 p.m., with departures scheduled every 15 minutes thereafter. The park is located on Military Road, just south of Four Mile Road. For more information or to make reservations, call toll-free 1-888-653-3276 or visit www.wellingtonfarmpark.org.

Kiwanis sell annual Goodfellow papers

Members of the Kiwanis Club of Grayling and friends of Kiwanis will be stationed at various locations in Grayling on Friday, December 14 and Saturday, December 15 with their Goodfellow Christmas newspapers looking for donations. Money raised from this project will all be returned to the community as the club donates to various local projects. Be sure to stop by the post office or the stop light downtown to pick up a paper.

Rotary Calendar winners announced

Grayling Rotary Club Calendar winners of $50 each for November are: John Denholm, Marci Sojka, Isabel Hannan, and Kurt Schrank.

Women of Moose host Christmas Party

Grayling Women of the Moose Chapter will host a Christmas Party and pictures with Santa on Saturday, December 15, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., for children ages one to seven years. The Grayling Moose Lodge is located on South Grayling Road and Old US-27 in Beaver Creek Township.

Lady Eagles host feather party Bingo

The Grayling Eagles Auxiliary Bingo will be hosting a holiday feather party on Sunday, December 16 at 1:30 p.m. Participants must be at least 18 years old to play. There will be prizes, jackpots, food baskets and more. Everyone is welcome.

Deadline nears for next ACT Test registration

College-bound high school students can take the ACT Assessment on February 9, 2002, the next nationwide test date. The registration postmark deadline is January 4, 2002. Late registration postmark deadline is January 18 (an additional fee is required for late registration).

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges and universities in the nation, including all Ivy League schools. The test fee is $24 ($27 in Florida). Colleges use ACT scores, along with a student's high school GPA (grade point average) and other information to help determine admissions and the appropriate course placement for new students.

For more information, including registration forms and free test prep materials, contact the high school counseling office or register on-line on ACT's website: www.act.org.

The website also has helpful information including sample tests, the opportunity to order test preparation materials, and links to useful sites, including a free on-line college financial aid needs estimator.

It's time to 'Meet the Grads'

Grayling High School will host its traditional "Meet the Grads Day" on Friday, December 21 in the school library.

To those unfamiliar with the ceremony, "Meet the Grads" is a unique opportunity for recent alumni of GHS to relate their experiences concerning continued education to current high school juniors and seniors.

Persons who have enrolled in colleges or universities, students of technical or vocational schools, and members of the armed services are all welcome to partake in the event by sharing their feelings about the transfer from GHS to other educational positions.

This reception will be held from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. All former graduates presently seeking post secondary education are cordially invited to attend.

This event is hosted by the AuSable Chapter of the National Honor Society, with the assistance of the Counseling Department, who encourages all persons currently involved in continued education to attend the annual presentation of this event.

Enhancing Athletic Performance topic of free class in Petoskey

Enhancing Athletic Performance is the topic of an upcoming class being offered at no charge through the Dean C. Burns Community Health Education Center on December 17, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The class is designed for coaches but is also open to parents, athletes, physical education teachers, administrators, and the general public. The class will focus on issues relating to athletic participation and will include practical applications, exercise demonstrations and educational hand outs.

The class will be presented by a certified athletic trainer from the Northern Michigan Sports Medicine Center.

The Center is an outreach program of the Northern Michigan Hospital Foundation. It is located at 360 Connable Avenue, across from the main entrance to Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

To register for this free class, call HealthAccess at 1-800-248-6777.

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Drive boasts best cookies

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Crawford AuSable School superintendent Milli Haug (right) was one of many who came to Frederic for the November 5 American Red Cross blood drive. Josette Galla, RN, (left) goes over medical history with Haug.

Submitted by Shirley Schmoock
Frederic Red Cross Coordinator

New Crawford AuSable Schools superintendent joined many others at Frederic Elementary School on November 5 for an American Red Cross blood drive. This was her first time in Crawford County, but Milli Haug has been a regular donor prior to relocating to the Grayling area.

Other first time donors were Ann Bunker, Mary Filarski, Joanne Sharp and George Morse. Denise McEvers received her One-Gallon pin that day.

Donors that day said they considered the Frederic drive to have "the best homemade cookies and volunteers in the county." Joyce Wilson coordinated the volunteers for the Frederic Parents group in the absence of Vicky Schmidt, who was injured in a terrible car accident in August near Mancelona, along with her husband, Terry. Both continue to recover in downstate facilities.

Home firearm safety, CCW training offered

Kirtland Community College is accepting registration for a series of handgun safety classes that fulfill the training requirements of Michigan's concealed weapons (CCW) law.

Kirtland's Home Safety Firearms course has been certified by the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards in compliance with Public Act 381 of 2000. The non-credit course is designed to accommodate a wide range of experience. In addition to classroom lecture and range practice, participants will receive training on a computerized firearms simulator.

While the law only requires eight hours of training, Kirtland's program offers additional material and hands-on practice for a total of 16 hours. Participants must attend the full class and pass written and practical exams to earn a certificate.

Several combinations of classroom and range dates are offered in January and February. Cost is $150 *per person and includes all ammunition* and training materials. Participants may train with their own guns or use college-owned weapons. At 15 percent discount is available to senior citizens.

Pre-registration is required. To sign up, contact Kirtland's Criminal Justice Office at (989) 275-5000, ext. 283 or by e-mail at gibbsc@kirtland.cc.mi.us.

GRAND TRAVERSE FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

PREGNANCY & FOOT PAIN

Aching feet are a common problem for pregnant women. As a woman gains weight during pregnancy, her center of gravity changes. She stands and walks differently, which places pressure on her knees and feet. Two common foot problems associated with pregnancy-related weight gain are over-pronation and edema. With over-pronation, or flat feet, a woman's feet roll inward while walking. This condition can cause pain while straining the feet, calves, and/or back. *Edema, or swelling in the feet, typically* occurs toward the end of a pregnancy and results from excess blood accumulating in the lower extremities. Blood vessels in the pelvis and legs constrict as the growing uterus pushes outward, slowing circulation and causing blood to pool toward the feet.

Just as you put your prenatal care in *the hands of a specialist, so should you* entrust your hard-working feet to a specialist - a podiatrist. It's time to pay attention to what your feet are trying to tell you when each step is more painful than the one before. Your feet aren't supposed to hurt and there is help through the techniques of modern podiatry when they do. GRAND TRAVERSE FOOT & ANKLE CENTER, P.C. is located at 1209 *E. 8th Street, Traverse City.* PH: 922-9100 & 800-968-7440. Offices in Traverse City, also Kalkaska Memorial Health Center Monday & Wednesday afternoons and evenings.

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The Bible Speaks

Patriotic Creed, Prayer, & Practice

Following is the Special Forces Creed under which our Special Forces defend our nation: "I am an American Special Forces soldier. A professional! I will do all that my nation requires of me. I am a volunteer, knowing well the hazards of my profession. I serve with the memory of those who have gone before me: Roger's Rangers, Francis Marion, Mosby's Rangers, the first Special Service Forces and Ranger Battalions of World War II, the Airborne Ranger Companies of Korea. I pledge to uphold the honor and integrity of all I am - in all I do. I am a professional soldier. I will teach and fight wherever my nation requires. I will strive always, to excel in every art and artifice of war. I know that I will be called upon to perform tasks in isolation, far from familiar faces and voices, with the help and guidance of my God. I will keep my mind and body clean, alert and strong, for this is my debt to those who depend upon me. I will not fail those with whom I serve. I will not bring shame upon myself or the forces. I will maintain myself, my arms, and my equipment in an immaculate state as befits a Special Forces soldier. I will never surrender though I be the last. If I am taken, I pray that I may have the strength to spit upon my enemy. My goal is to succeed in any mission - and live to succeed again. I am a member of my nation's chosen soldiery. God grant that I may not be found wanting, that I will not fail this sacred trust."

Following is the "De Oppresso Liber", the Special Forces Prayer: "Almighty God Who art the Author of Liberty and the Champion of the oppressed hear our prayer. We the men of Special Forces, acknowledge our dependence upon Thee in the preservation of human freedom. Go with us as we seek to defend the defenseless and to free the enslaved. May we ever remember that our nation, whose oath "In God We Trust," expects that we shall requite ourselves with honor, that we may never bring shame upon our faith, our families, or our fellow men. Grant us wisdom from Thy mind, courage from Thine heart, strength from Thine arm, and protection by Thine hand. It is for Thee that we do battle, and to thee belongs the victor's crown. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and glory forever. Amen!" The last sentence is directly from the lips of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Special Forces are the backbone of our ground fighting troops in Afghanistan. Since our elite soldiers are fighting under "the help and guidance of my God," don't we owe it to them to be living our daily lives under God's same help and guidance? If they risk death under the creed, "God grant that I may not be found wanting, that I will not fail this sacred trust", shouldn't we face life serving God by "this sacred trust"? As our soldiers pray to Almighty God as the author of liberty, and depend upon His strength to free the enslaved, shouldn't we trust the same Almighty God to defend our freedom here at home? As they fight with honor to avoid shame, shouldn't we live our lives by God's same honorable standards? Let us pray with them: "Grant us wisdom from Thy mind, courage from Thine heart, strength from Thine arm, and protection by Thine hand." As they fight for God, by His protection, and for His glory, Can we live by any higher standard? "It is for Thee that we do battle, and to thee belongs the victor's crown. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and glory forever. Amen!" This last sentence is from the lips of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As ordinary citizens in America we can also fulfill the spirit of the above creed and prayer. Todd Beamer lived out his faith during Flight 93. Before leading a group of passengers to fight terrorists, he first led the group in the Lord's Prayer, then Psalm 23, which includes the words, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want" and "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil." Then he spoke those famous words: "Are you guys ready? Let's roll." The cockpit voice recorder confirms this story as our patriots wrestled with the hijackers and died as heroes saving untold loss of life in Washington D.C. Christ said in John 10:11: "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep." Jesus Christ also said in John 15:13: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Self-sacrifice for others is a Christian virtue. Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Website at http://www.i2k.net/-cba .We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

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Get your marriage back on track

For those whose marriage has grown cold or uncaring, Retrouvaille may be the program to get you back on track.

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"We also know firsthand of couples already separated or divorced who were able to reunite as happy and stable couples after attending the Retrouvaille program," said Diocese representative Candace Neff. "It's not too late for you, too, to benefit from what Retrouvaille has to offer."

The Retrouvaille program is Catholic in origin, but it has been and always will be open to all married couples from all different faith traditions. This program has been proven to be equally successful, regardless of the faith tradition of the attending couples, Neff said.

The next weekend program in the area will be held in Gaylord, on January 11-13, 2002.

For confidential information, to register for the weekend or to talk with a couple experienced in the Retrouvaille program, call (989) 732-1719 or, toll-free, 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are confidential.

Visit the Diocese of Gaylord web site at: www.dioceseofgaylord.org.

Military News

Sergeant Carl Wilson from the 1071st Maintenance Company has been awarded the Army Achievement Medal by the 1st Armor Training Battalion of the Ohio National Guard. Sgt. Wilson received the award for outstanding performance of duty and tireless effort during Ohio's annual training period, June 2001.

The award was presented by First Sergeant Mark Surbrook and the company commander, Captain Mike McNamara.

Sgt. Wilson is a Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic for the unit, and he has 17 years of service in the armed forces, with nine of those years with the 1071st Maintenance Company. He lives in Gladwin with his wife, Debbie, and their four children. He is employed at the MATES facility as a Heavy Mobile Equipment Repairer.

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Boar's Head Feast planned

A "Boar's Head Feast" will be held in the lower chambers of Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church on Friday and Saturday, December 21-22, beginning at 6:30 p.m. each evening.

"Medieval enchantments" await those who attend. Admission is $12 for adults and $5 for students for the feast and tour of "Christmas Day in the Town Square of Olde Bethlehem." Hawkers of market goods and wandering minstrels will be on hand to enchant those willing to take the risk of entering the ancient city.

Tickets for the Feast may be purchased in advance at Chemical Bank and at the church office.

For more information, call 348-2974.

Sharing God's Gift

"Welcome back, Miss Carter!", exclaimed her fourth grade class on the day of her return from an extended illness. One student extended a lovingly and colorfully wrapped box of candy festooned with multiple stick-on bows. "Thank you, children. It was so thoughtful of you to give me a present. I shall pass it around the room so I may share this lovely gift with all of you."

At this time of year, we begin to think of Christmas and the gift the Heavenly Father shared with us...His Son Jesus. God has given us all individual gifts and talents. As we enter the holiday season, meditate upon those gifts we can share to brighten the lives of others. If only a smile, we all have something we can thankfully share each day.

Worship this week. In the words of the hymn, "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow."

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Isaiah 35:1-10	Romans 1:1-17	Romans 3:21-31	Romans 4:1-12	Romans 4:13-25	Romans 5:1-11	Romans 5:12-21

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Adult Sunday School ...9:45 a.m.
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Sunday Worship .....11 am
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Sunday School .....9 am
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Sunday School .....9:45 am
Morning Worship .....11 am
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Sunday School .....10 am
Sunday Service &
Children's Church .....11 am
Sunday Evening Service ....6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting ....7 pm
Wednesday Bible Study ....7 pm
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Wednesday .....6 pm

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Evening Service .....6 pm
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children .....7 pm

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Sacrament .....10 am
Sunday School .....11 am
Primary .....11 am
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Midweek Service Prayer ....7 pm

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Sunday School .....9:45 am
Morning Worship .....11 am
Evening Service .....6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study ..7:30 pm

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Sunday Masses .....8:00 am
Family Mass .....10:00 am
Scripture Study
(Sundays).....9:15 am
Daily Masses .....
Wednesday & Fridays ...8:30 am

First Baptist Church of Frederic
Pastor Dale Hammond
Sunday School .....9:45 am
Morning Worship .....11 am
Evening Worship .....6 pm
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study ..7 pm

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Morning Worship .....10:30 am
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Pastor Paul Rolfe
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Sunday
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Abundant Life Tabernacle
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Sunday
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Wednesday Evening .....7 pm

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Chapel Service .....11 am
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Wednesday Service .....7 pm

Harvest Time Church of God
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Sunday School .....10:30 am

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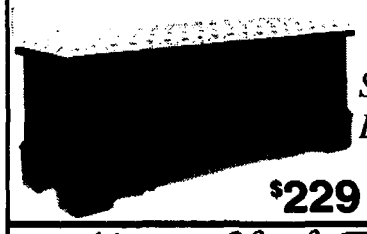

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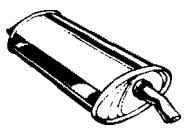

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OBITUARIES

Ruby B. Benware

Nov. 3, 1911 - Dec. 5, 2001

Ruby Blanche Benware, 90, of Grayling, died Wednesday, December 5, at Bortz Health. Mrs. Benware was born to Frank Kile and Emma Alice (Shuler) on November 3, 1911 in Grayling.

She married Elgin Benware on December 17, 1932. Mrs. Benware formerly lived in Oxford and then returned to Grayling for the last 32 years. She was a homemaker.

She is preceded in death by her parents and her husband Elgin on March 18, 1991.

Mrs. Benware is survived by three daughters: Helen Workman and Suzanne (Henry) Carroll of Oxford and Nancy Kirby of Grayling. Ten grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren are also left behind.

Funeral services were Thursday, December 6, with the Reverend Joseph Carpenter officiating and burial at Elmwood Cemetery.

Arrangement by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

William E. Woizeschke

May 6, 1926 - Dec. 5, 2001

William E. "Bill" Woizeschke, 75, of Reese, died Wednesday afternoon, December 5, at The Lutheran Home in Frankenmuth. He was born on May 6, 1926 in Reese, son of the late Elmer and Evelyn (Massoll) Woizeschke. Bill served in the United States Army Air Force from 1944-1946 and married the former Rose Parrent on November 8, 1947 in the St. Elizabeth Rectory in Reese.

Surviving in addition to his wife Rose of 54 years are his daughters and their spouses; Susan K. and Daniel Thayer of Grayling, Mary Ruth and Louis Pierce of Reese. Papa to his grandchildren, Damon and Carrie Thayer, Dena and Shane Kilpatrick, Michele and Daniel Hernandez, Jay Pierce, Leslie and Justin Kern, Louis Pierce III; great-grandchildren Spencer, Daniel, Case and Katie; brother, Roy and Delores Woizeschke of Reese, sisters, Lorraine and Jack Thompson of Carmichael, California, Louise and Gerald Reinsch of Interlochen and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 8, at Christ Lutheran Church in Reese. Reverend Rod J. Vereb officiated with cremation following. The Reese American Legion Post #139 will present military honors. Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider, Hospice of Hope, The Lutheran Home of Frankenmuth or Christ Lutheran Church.

Arrangement by Ware-Smith-Woolever Funeral Directors, Reese.

Orale Burke Vollmer

Oct. 23, 1920 - Nov. 27, 2001

Orale "Jimmy" Vollmer died November 27 at Detroit Medical Center in Dearborn Heights.

Mrs. Vollmer was born on October 23, 1920 in Frederic to Mr. and Mrs. John Burke. She married Nelson Vollmer, also from Frederic and moved to Dearborn Heights in 1941.

She is preceded in death by her parents, two sisters: Clare Goulding and Elsie Larsen and one brother, Chester "Stub" Burke.

She is survived by her husband, Nelson, one son, William (Ginger) Vollmer, one granddaughter and two grandsons, all of Dearborn Heights. She leaves behind, one sister, Reva Fox of Gaylord and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at Querfeld Funeral home in Dearborn on December 1. Memorials may be sent to the Alzheimer's Association, Detroit Chapter, 17220 W. Twelve Mile Road, Suite 100, Southfield, Michigan, 48076.

Roger J. Weatherly Sr.

Nov. 3, 1936 - Dec. 3, 2001

Roger J. Weatherly Sr., age 65, of Beaver Creek Township passed away December 3, at his home. He was born to Thomas and Katherine Weatherly on November 3, 1936 in Detroit.

Mr. Weatherly was a retired tool and die maker who moved to this area from Detroit in 1975. He was a member of the Grayling Eagles and enjoyed woodworking and carpentry.

He is survived by his wife Mary and three sons; Roger Jr. (Cindy) of Beaver Creek Township, Raymond (Bette) of Roseville, Wayne (Shelle) of Kalkaska, and daughter Dawn (Michael) Burke of North Carolina.

He is also survived by five grandchildren: Danielle, Shawn, Ryan, Keegan and Delanghy. Three sisters: Harriet Weatherly, Lucille Grant, and Ann Marie Gorka and one brother, William.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, December 6 at Steuernol & McLaren Funeral Home in Roscommon. Contributions may be made in care of the family.

Arrangements by Steuernol & McLaren Funeral Homes, Inc. Roscommon.

Arthur L. Williams

March 5, 1910 - Dec. 3, 2001

Arthur L. Williams, age 91, died Monday, December 3, 2001, in Roscommon. No services will be held at this time.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

Harry C. Sommers

Sep. 15, 1921 - Dec. 2, 2001

Harry C. Sommers, 80, of Mason, Ohio, formerly of Grayling, died Sunday, December 2.

Services were held Wednesday, December 5 at Casterline Funeral Home, Northville.

In Loving Memory

Charles (Gus) Williams who passed away December 18, 1994. Your gentle face and patient smile, with sadness we recall, you had a kindly word for each, and died beloved by all.

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SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

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Wed. Dec. 12 - Swiss Steak/ Hawaiian Ham; Exercise and Line dancing at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Stag Cards at 12:30; RSVP cards and Crafts at 1 p.m.; and Birthday dinner and White elephant auction at 5 p.m.

Thu. Dec. 13 - Herbed Chicken/ Fish; BP's taken from 11 a.m. to noon; Out to Lunch Bunch go to Traverse Mall, leave at 11 a.m.

Fri. Dec. 14 - Chicken ala King/no dinner; Frederic Satellite at 12:30 p.m.; Pantry Bingo and 80 cent Rummy at 1 p.m.

Mon. Dec. 17 - Maryland Chicken /Stuffed Cabbage; Stag Cards and Bridge Club at 12 noon and 1 p.m.

Tue. Dec. 18 - Traditional Christmas Dinners, served at noon and 5 p.m. Dancing in-between to the music of Tina Kennedy at the organ. Euchre Club at 1 p.m. and Personnel & Finance Committee meets at 4 p.m. Please call for reservations.

Wed. Dec. 19 - Pot Roast/Spaghetti w/meat sauce; Hearing Clinic by appointment; Exercise and Line dance at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; RSVP Cards and Crafts at 1 p.m.; COA Board Meets at 5:30 p.m.

A little advanced notice that the Center will be closed on December 24 and 25.

Above all this week, remember: Never abandon an old friend; you will never find one who can take her/his place. Friendship is like fine wine; it gets better as it grows older.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

The Grayling Police Department handled the following 39 complaints during the week of December 2 through December 8:

One misdemeanor citations, five traffic accidents, two private property accidents, two felony arrests, three misdemeanor arrests, one OUIL;

Six larcenies, one vandalism, one domestic, one juvenile complaint, one assist to another department, one attempt to locate, two disturbances, two suspicious situations, and six unclassified complaints.

Four traffic warnings were also given.

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Back Surgery

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The discs separate the vertebrae and, because they're knitted into the bones, also join them together. They act like little shock absorbers, cushioning the bones so they don't crash against each other as you walk, which would be very painful. Discs help give the spine its curve, flexibility and strength. The 23 discs in your spine also make up about a third of the length of the spinal column and that's why you are about 1/4 inch to 1/3 inch taller in the morning than you were the night before; the discs flatten out a little after a day of standing and then regain their volume when you sleep.

Disc Herniation, Protrusion and Prolapse

There are two types of herniations: protrusions and prolapses. A protrusion can occur if the nucleus pulposi bulges, pushing the annular fibrosis out of shape. A prolapse occurs if the nucleus bulges out so much that it actually separates from the rest of the disc.

If the prolapsed disc goes into the spinal cord or puts pressure on nerves, it may cause severe pain that could make sitting, standing, walking, lifting, urinating, defecating, sneezing, coughing and moving nearly impossible. In extreme cases, foot or leg numbness or a loss of muscle control may occur. However, only a small number of those with low-back pain have any disc problems.1

Back Surgery

While spinal surgery is sometimes necessary, especially in cases of trauma or severe bone, disc and nerve destruction (due to a variety of causes from infection to cancer), the vast majority of people with low-back pain and/or sciatica never need it.2

Failed Back Surgery Syndrome

Of the thousands of surgical procedures done each year for ruptured discs, medical authorities admit that a large number are unnecessary and useless,3 with many of those who have back surgery in the same or worse pain after the operation.4 They have Failed Back Surgery Syndrome (FBSS).5 To make matters worse, if surgery is ineffective the first time, a second or third operation will not help. Even successful operations could cause scar tissue, permanent spinal weakness, distortion and instability.

Chiropractic could save many thousands of back pain sufferers from unnecessary spinal surgery each year. Anyone facing the prospect of spinal surgery should, if possible, get at least one opinion from a doctor of chiropractic before deciding what to do.

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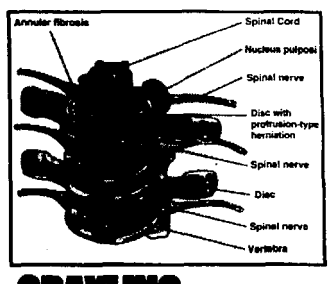

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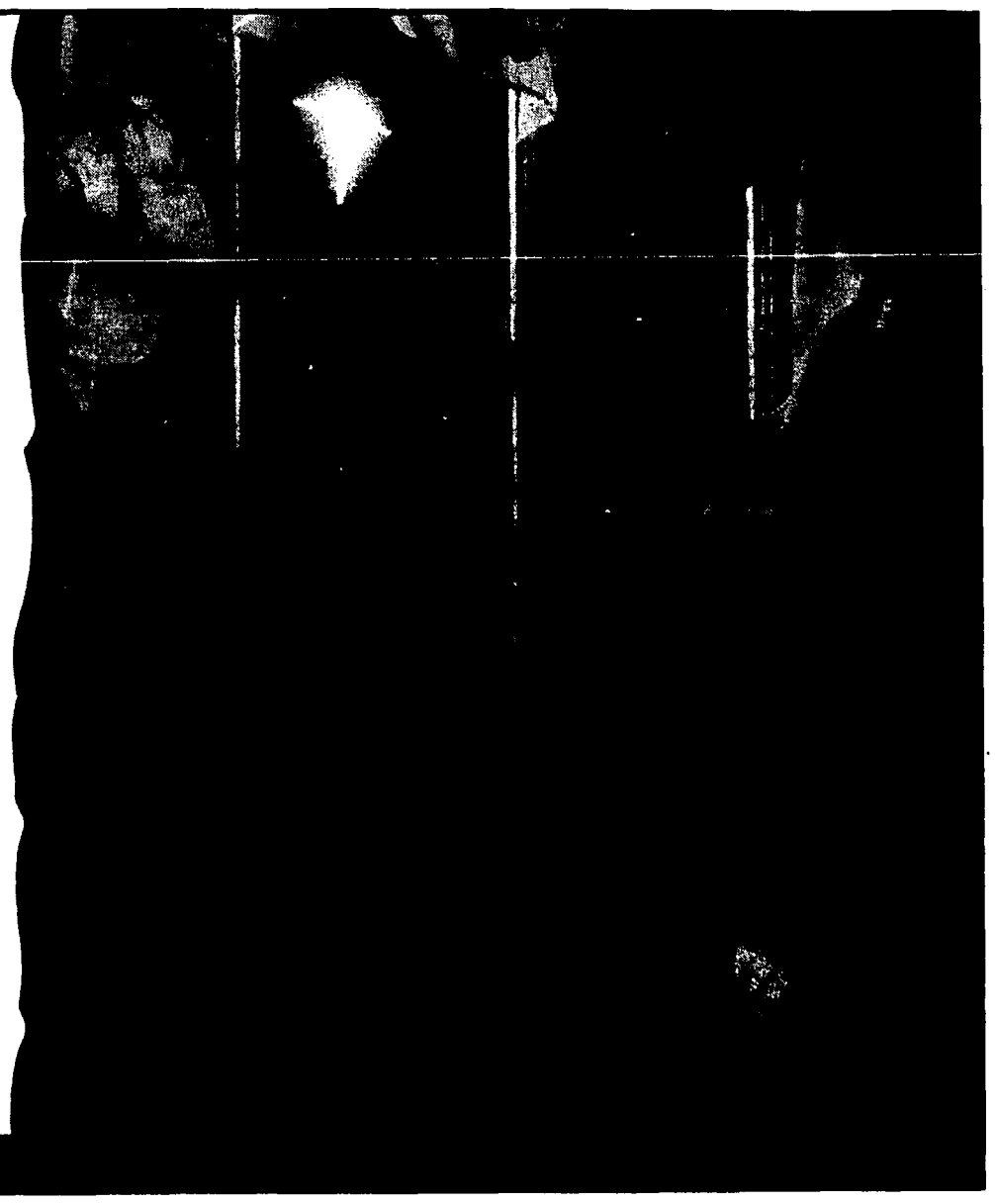

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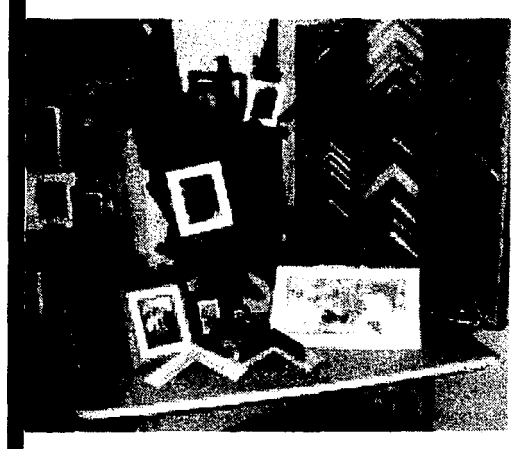

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KCC offers young writers opportunity to interview

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Aspiring writers and journalists from several area high schools -- among them Fairview, Grayling, Houghton Lake and Oscoda -- helped to make Media Day at Kirtland Community College a big success. Students were invited, along with local professional media, to interview Kirtland's men's and women's basketball teams, and its cheerleaders, for their school and hometown newspapers. The young writers are pictured here, with some Kirtland officials in the front row. The men, from the left, are: Dean of Instruction and Educational Services Richard Silverman, KCC President Charles Rorie, Marketing Director Jim Enger, and Publicist Keith Gave.

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Suzanne Cleere

When Suzanne Cleere trains for a marathon, she has a dual purpose -- to test the physical fitness she values for herself, and to raise money for the Leukemia Society.

Cleere is looking forward to putting the same dedication into her new position as the Vice President of Patient Care Services at Otsego Memorial Hospital.

"I bring many years of experiences here from both nursing and administrative disciplines," Cleere said. "I will be working with the managers throughout the organization to determine how we can combine efforts to create the best outcome for patients."

Cleere most recently was director for the Birthing Center, and Surgical Services at Lapeer Regional Hospital. She has also served as Vice President of Women's Health Services in Garden City.

The position at OMH is new for both Cleere and the hospital. A restructuring of senior management roles has led to the position which will supervise not only the nursing units of the Hospital, but also the ancillary clinical areas including radiology, laboratory, physical therapy, cardiopulmonary and pharmacy.

"I'm excited that everyone here is open to talk about what we can do together," Cleere said.

Cleere became a nurse because she enjoys meeting people's needs, and because the field allows her to make a difference in people's lives. She feels her administrative roles have only enhanced those opportunities.

"In a management role, your patient population just gets bigger," Cleere explains. "In this position, I will have the opportunity to impact everyone who receives clinical services at Otsego Memorial. And, I can still walk into a room and do something for a patient."

Cleere describes herself as "a bit of a health nut" and looks forward to all of the recreational opportunities northern Michigan offers.

Local hospitals join 11th annual food 'gathering'

Mercy Health Services North, Grayling, and others in northern Michigan, joined several other hospitals and health systems for the 2001 Michigan Harvest Gathering. This year the annual food drive gathered and collected an overall 28,994 pounds of food and over $650 in cash donations to be donated to area food banks.

Mercy Grayling gathered 1,377 pounds of food, Otsego Memorial Hospital in Gaylord gathered 600 pounds, Northern Michigan Regional Health System in Petoskey gathered 1,041 pounds and $150, and West Branch Regional Medical Center gathered 1,567 pounds.

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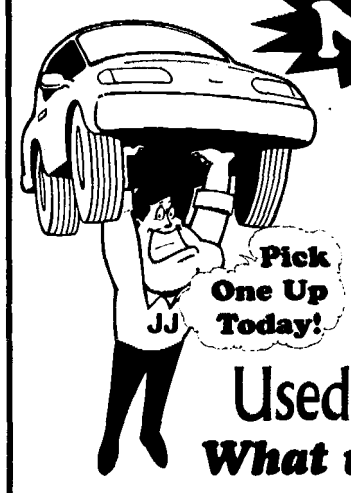

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According to Donald E. Galvin, Ph. D., President and CEO of CARF, "G.R.A.C.E. Center has put itself through a rigid peer review process and has demonstrated that its programs and services are of the highest quality, measurable, and accountable."

G.R.A.C.E. Center is a non-profit organization with offices in Grayling. It has been providing counseling services throughout Crawford and surrounding counties since 1987.

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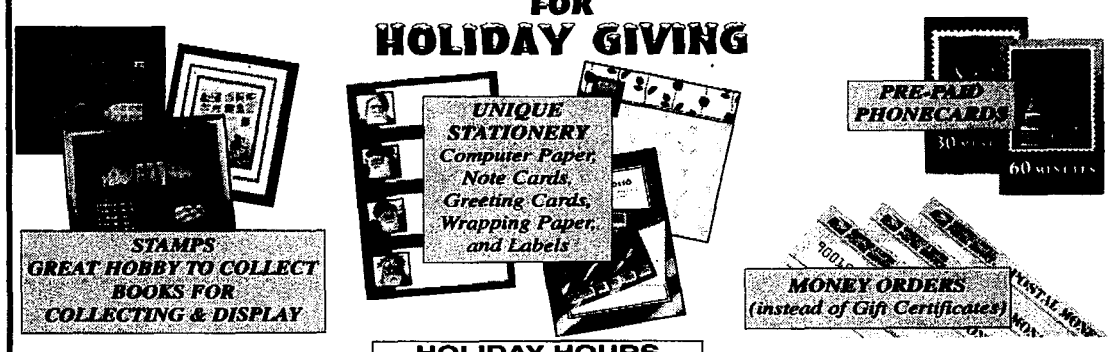

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New Turkish poetry book unveiled

The poetry of Ali Yuce, a former shepherd who became one of Turkey's most popular poets, has come to life at Kirtland Community College (KCC) in a book of poems translated into English in a unique partnership of two KCC instructors.

Poet Gerry LeFemina, who teaches English and creative writing, and Sinan Toprak, a native Turkish speaker who teaches political science, teamed up to produce the 95-page volume entitled *Voice Lock Puppet*. On corresponding pages, poems appear in their original Turkish, and in the English translation. In either language, the poems contain beautiful, vivid and powerful messages.

Photo courtesy of Kirtland Community College

Kirtland instructors Sinan Toprak (left) and Gerry LeFemina (right) collaborated recently to translate from Turkish to English a book of poetic works by Ali Yuce.

After learning to read and write through an educational program in Turkey called The Village Institutes, Yuce began to write poetry and send it to various Turkish magazines, where it found immediate success. He is the author of 15 volumes, including a novel and a collection of essays.

A seminal figure, spanning generations of readers in rural and modern Turkey, Yuce is known for his vigor and forthrightness. His work is deft and witty -- sometimes humorous, occasionally outrageous -- frequently subtle and always moving.

Funding through the Kirtland Community College Foundation made the book possible. It will be available in January, published by Orchises Press in Virginia. For more information, contact Roger Lathbury at (703) 683-1243 or by e-mail at lathbury@gmu.edu.

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6	9.6	13.3	38.5%
7	13.3	17.9	34.6%
8	9.8	13.1	33.7%
9	14.3	18.4	28.7%
10	10.8	13.9	28.7%
11	14.1	17.6	24.8%
12	15.8	17.5	10.8%
13	14.4	15.9	10.4%
14	13.1	14.0	6.9%
15	12.9	11.3	-12.4%
Average	12.7	16.3	28.3%

Local farmers offered loan assistance after drought

U.S. Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman has designated 72 Michigan counties as primary natural disaster areas following requests made by 4th District U.S. Rep. Dave Camp and others, including Gov. John Engler to designate a total of 73 counties due to losses of fruit, vegetables and field crops caused by last summer's drought.

"I'm pleased Secretary Veneman carefully reviewed our petition and agreed to our request," Camp said. "Many of our farmers suffered a severe financial loss this year because they lost their crops to the hot, dry summer. Now they are eligible for federal funding and low-interest emergency loans through the USDA's Farm Service Agency."

Of the 73 counties, Veneman determined Crawford County did not sustain sufficient production losses to warrant a Secretarial disaster designation. However, farmers in Crawford County are eligible for Farm Service Agency emergency loan assistance because it was named as a contiguous disaster county.

Nearby 4th District counties designated primary natural disasters include Ogemaw, Oscoda and Roscommon.

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Grayling Middle School News

Submitted by the Grayling Middle School Parent Improvement Team

Our Media Center has been very busy. We have had 3,349 books checked out in the past three months, September, October, and November. Our circulation numbers show us we have a very busy Media Center. Sixth grade students have checked out the most books, totaling 1,532, with the fiction genre being most popular.

December 14 - is designated as a day to read for the year 2002. Students are encouraged to read for 2002 seconds or 33.5 minutes on this day. Perhaps parents will take 33.5 minutes to read and set the example for their children.

A new book entitled *Broken Heart ... Healing : Young Poets Speak Out on Divorce* has arrived in our media center. In this book of poetry, students' works on the subject of divorce are published. It is a very enlightening piece of literature. Our hope is that many students who are experiencing this event in their lives will check out the book and find they are not alone.

December 13 - The Grayling Middle School Choir will be holding its annual winter concert at the high school at 7 p.m. The eighth grade girls received their choir gowns this past Friday. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for this concert. Make sure your child arrives at the high school an hour before the concert time.

December 13 - P.I.T. meeting will be held at the Grayling Middle School at 8:30 a.m. We really need some parents to start attending these meetings.

December 18 - The Grayling Middle School Holiday Band Concert will be held at the Grayling Middle School at 7 p.m. Your child should be dressed according to the band dress code: black pants/skirt and a white shirt. Also, make sure they arrive at school at least an hour before the concert time.

December 19 - Viking Band Boosters meeting will be held at the Grayling Middle School at 7 p.m. If your child is in band, you should try to attend these meetings to find out all the things they have planned.

December 21 - Christmas Break starts with early dismissal for all students, beginning with the High School at 11:30 a.m.

GMS names Students of the Month

Photo courtesy of Grayling Middle School

Grayling Middle School Students of the Month for November are, from left: (back row) Mike Hoag, Orland Dami, Amanda Lutz, Andrea Southard, Alex Fedak, Amanda Randall, Kim Long, Heather Helsel, Jeff Weaver; (middle row) Matt McDonald, Katie Murray, Mitchell Salyers, Justin Root, Hank Abney, Ashley Jurkovich, Amber Florian, Jessica Witteman, Makinzie Nena, Dale Hendershot, Mark Wejrowski; (front row) Ethan Lynch, Mat Latuszek, Jon Kane, James Haight, Candice Odden, Krystal Babbitt, Nick Tompkins, Alex Brackenbury, Jon Bartha, Brittaney Harrison. Not shown: Sara Babbitt, Kara Edgerton, Kevin Elkins, Trisha Kinsey, Krista Lile, Nerissa Morris, Jackie Stone.

LIBRARY NEWS

Crawford County Library

Memorial books for November, 2001 are as follows:

For Paul Oaklief from Don and Rae Ann Schanz - *In Harm's Way (Large Print Edition)*; from Cornell Agency, Inc. - *Small Log Homes.*

For John H. Gregg from Warren and Lucille Payne - *Revenge in Crow City* and *Landseekers*; from Don and Rae Ann Schanz - *Jack: Straight from the Gut*; from Hazel P. Trebilcock - *A Pitcher's Story* and *Fire on the Water*; from Bruce and Beatrice Gregg - *Return of the Long Riders, Great Timber Race, Young Hickory, Empire,* and *Ice Hunter*; from Cornell Agency, Inc. - *Complete Illustrated Guide to Furniture & Cabinet Construction.*

For Richard Brady from Friends of North Park - *Outdoor Living Rooms, Farmers Market Guide to Fruits and Vegetables, Stone Style, Wildflowers Around the Year, Nature One Day at a Time, Designing & Planting Backyards, Garden Walls, Fences & Hedges, Flowering Vines, Beautiful Climbers, Landscaping with Perennials, Decorating Porches and Decks.*

For John R. Greene from Bill and Barbara Greene - *Foolproof Guide to Growing Roses.*

For Colonel William James Rodgers Jr. from the Arthur Carlson Family - *In Harm's Way.*

For Nancy Gingerick from Cornell Agency, Inc. - *Southern Living 2001 Recipes.*

For Debra Golden from Cornell Agency, Inc. - *Making & Keeping Creative Journals.*

For Beverly Theaker from Cornell Agency, Inc. - *Family Circle Best-Ever Cakes and Cookies.*

For Beatrice "Bee" Jenc Smith from Harry and Barbara Tubbs, George and Donna Fielding, Harry and Dolores Burchell, and Delilah Grabach - *Buttercup Bake Shop.*

For Duane Sloan from Don and Rae Ann Schanz - *War in a Time of Peace.*

For Helen Bogie from Cornell Agency, Inc. - *Animal Knits.*

MERCY BIRTHS

Brock Denton and Michele Moshier of Grayling announce the arrival of Jasmine Irene born November 20.

Charles Cole and Brandy Sutton of Mio announce the arrival of Denzi Jean Cole born November 22.

Daniel Dwyer and Patricia Millard of Grayling announce the arrival of Madison Elizabeth Dwyer born November 22.

Michael and Angela Rosa of Prudenville announce the arrival of Alayna Lynn born November 23.

Jason Saylor and Jamie Near of Roscommon announce the arrival of Gabriel Lee Saylor born November 23.

Kurtis and Misty Butler of Luzerne announce the arrival of Jordan Kaye born November 26.

Michael and Ladonna Nausedas of Kalkaska announce the arrival of Michael Joseph II born November 26.

Scott and Kim Michels of Grayling announce the arrival of David Mason born November 29.

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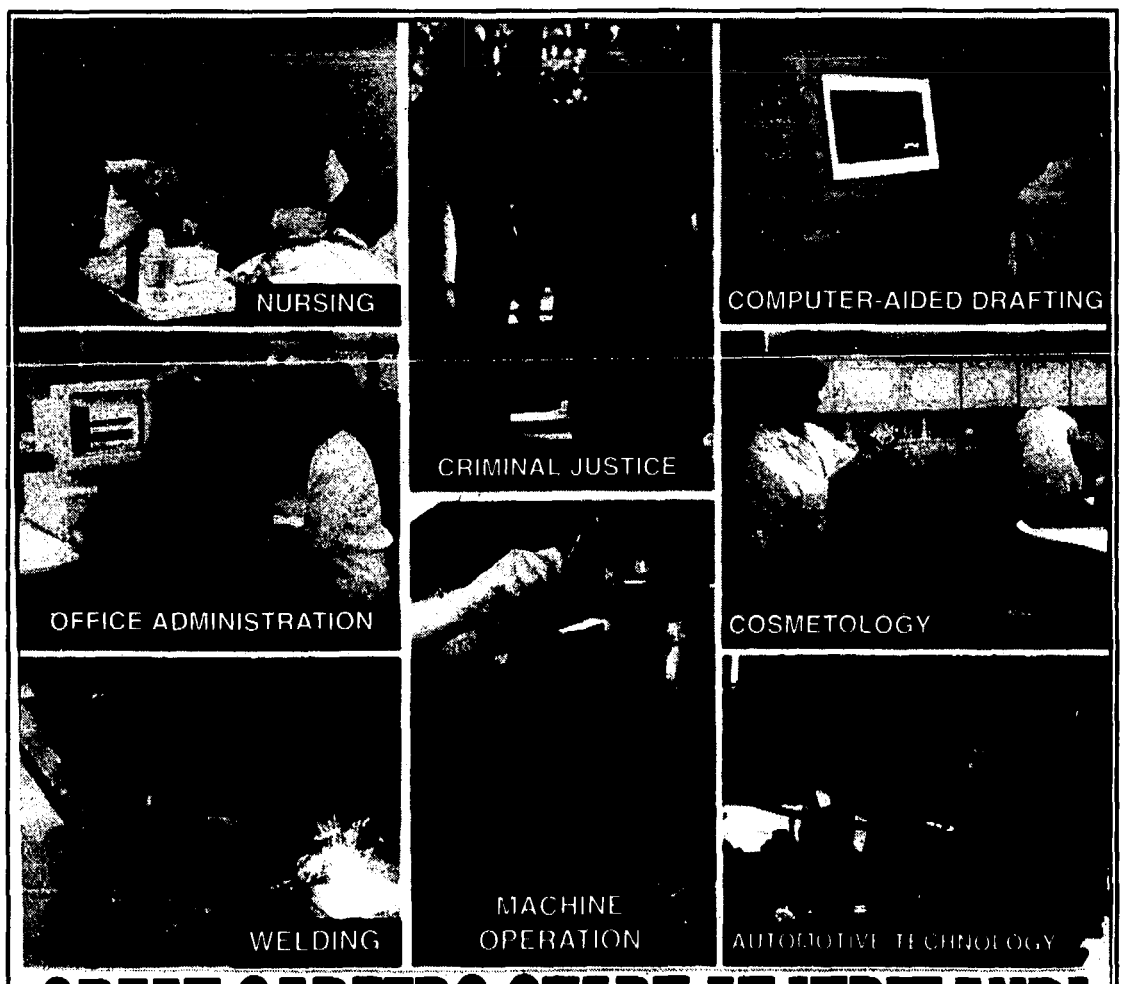

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MILITARY NEWS

SFC Larry R. Domcik Receives Michigan Distinguished Service Medal

Sergeant First Class Larry R. Domcik of Frederic, was awarded the Michigan Distinguished Service Medal by Colonel Dennis D. Hull, Commander of Camp Grayling Maneuver Training Center during a recent Command Formation.

The commendation accompanying the medal reads, "Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, this is to certify that the Adjutant General of Michigan has awarded the Distinguished Service Medal to Sergeant First Class Larry R. Domcik, Maneuver Training Center, Michigan Army National Guard. Domcik has distinguished himself during the period 26 March 2001 to 30 September 2001 as the State Armory Manager and Administrative NCO.

SFC Larry R. Domcik

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"SFC Domcik's prudent and decisive performance in administering sound armory management and administrative practices is exemplary. His performance of duty brings great credit upon himself, the Michigan Army National Guard and the State of Michigan."

Signed: Major General E. Gordon Stump, The Adjutant General of Michigan.

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Mark Surbrook was selected to replace Dale Papendick as the First Sergeant of the 1071st Maintenance Company, General Support during the unit's drill in September, 2001.

1SG Surbrook came from the Armament Platoon of the 1071st where he was the Section Chief. 1SG Papendick received the slot as the Maintenance Control Non-Commissioned Officer of the 1071st, which is an E-8 Master Sergeant slot.

1SG Surbrook has over 22 years in the Michigan National Guard, with all of them being with the 1071st Maintenance Company. He resides in West Branch and is the Undersheriff of the Ogemaw County Sheriff's Department.

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Army Staff Sgt. Sheila M. Slavens has arrived for duty at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas.

Slavens is a food inspection supervisor assigned to the 43rd Medical Detachment.

She is the daughter of Donald H. and Cindy C. Fulton of Oscoda. Her husband, David, is the son of Joseph Q. and Susan K. Slavens of Grayling.

The staff sergeant graduated in 1991 from Oscoda Area High School, and received an associate degree in 1998 graduate of the University of Maryland, through the military extension program, San Antonio, Texas.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The Crawford County Sheriff Department handled the following 70 complaints the week of December 2-9:

Nine traffic accidents, five non-traffic accident, one traffic safety public appearance, one motor vehicle inspection (school bus), two civil matter disputes - family trouble, seven suspicious situations, nine general non-criminal, one EMS response, one burglary/home invasion, three larceny, one fraudulent activities, four damage to property, one drug/narcotic violations, one obstruction of justice, five public peace/disorderly, three driving violations/DWLS, etc., two health and safety, three miscellaneous criminal offense, two delinquent minors, one valid alarm, six false alarm activations, one burglary - breaking and entering unoccupied structure, one larceny from yard.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during December 12 through December 18 is as follows:

The Range 40 Air to Ground Complex, located north of County Road 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during the following dates and times:

December 12 from 4 p.m. until 12 midnight; December 14 from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.; December 16 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Small Arms Ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe road, east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek:

December 14 - 16 from 8 a.m until 11 p.m.

Range 13, located south of the main post, bounded on the west by Crawford County Line, north of Daniels Road and east of the gas pipeline:

December 14 - 16 from 8 a.m. until 11 p.m.

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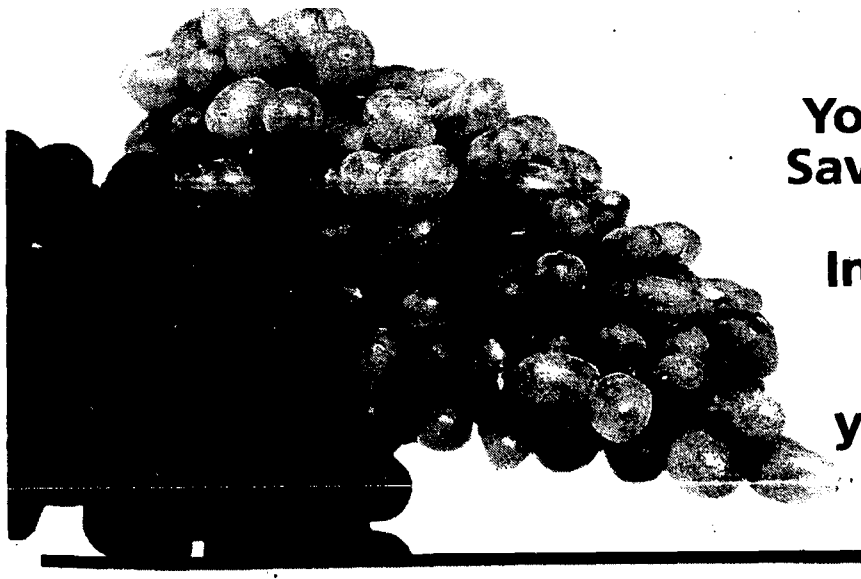

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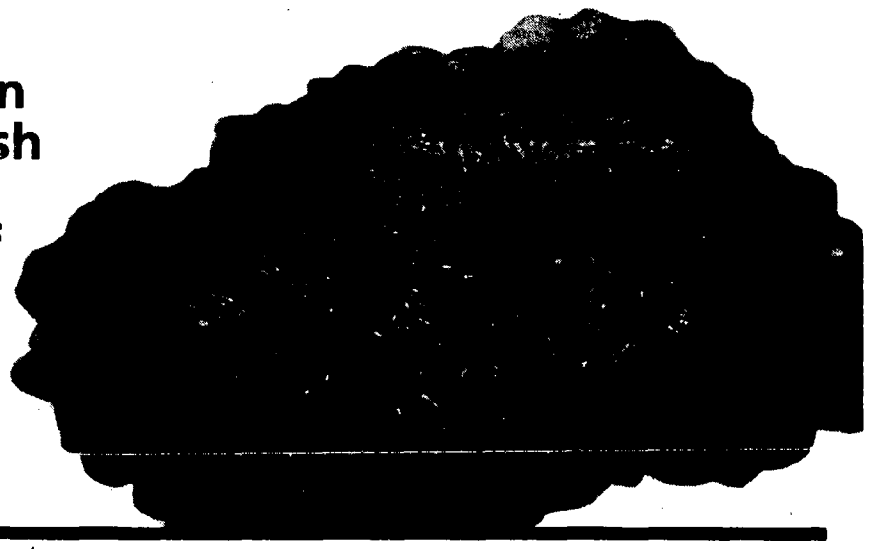

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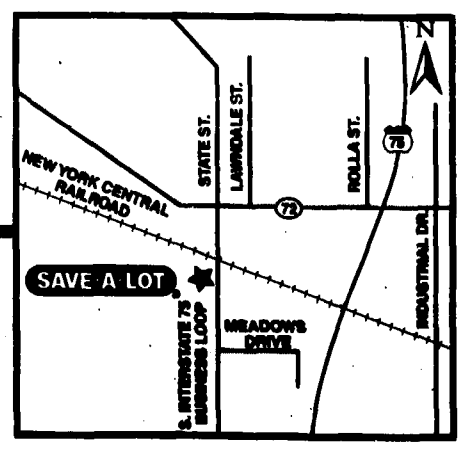

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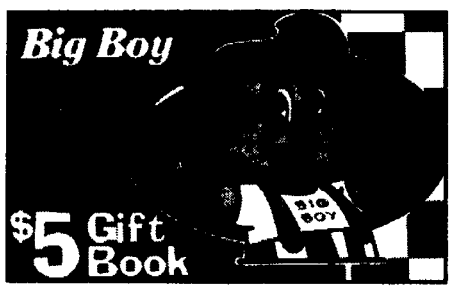

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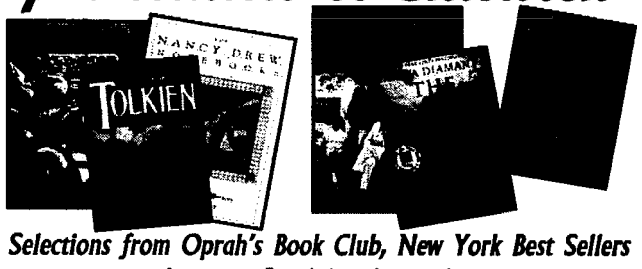

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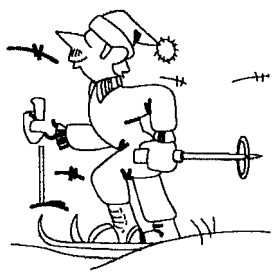

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Vikings win at Roscommon

Varsity team rallies for second half comeback

▶ Grayling trails by nine at the half, but finishes strong to win by twelve

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Grayling overcame a nine-point halftime deficit in last week's varsity basketball match at Roscommon on Tuesday to claim a 67-55 win over the Bucks in Grayling's 2001-02 season opener.

The win also capped a three-game sweep of the Bucks at Roscommon, as Grayling's junior varsity and freshman teams also defeated the Bucks on Tuesday, 69-24 and 57-35, respectively.

After blow-outs in the first two games of the basketball triplehead-er, the varsity match was a closely contested battle that featured an impressive comeback by Grayling.

Roscommon took control early, but the Vikings finished strong to win by 12.

The Bucks led 17-10 after one quarter pf play. Grayling scored its 10 first period points on a shot inside by R.J. Schmidt, a free throw by Scott Latusek, a jump shot by Schmidt, a put-back by Larry Baynham, a free throw by Nick D'Amour, and a jumper by Wes Fox.

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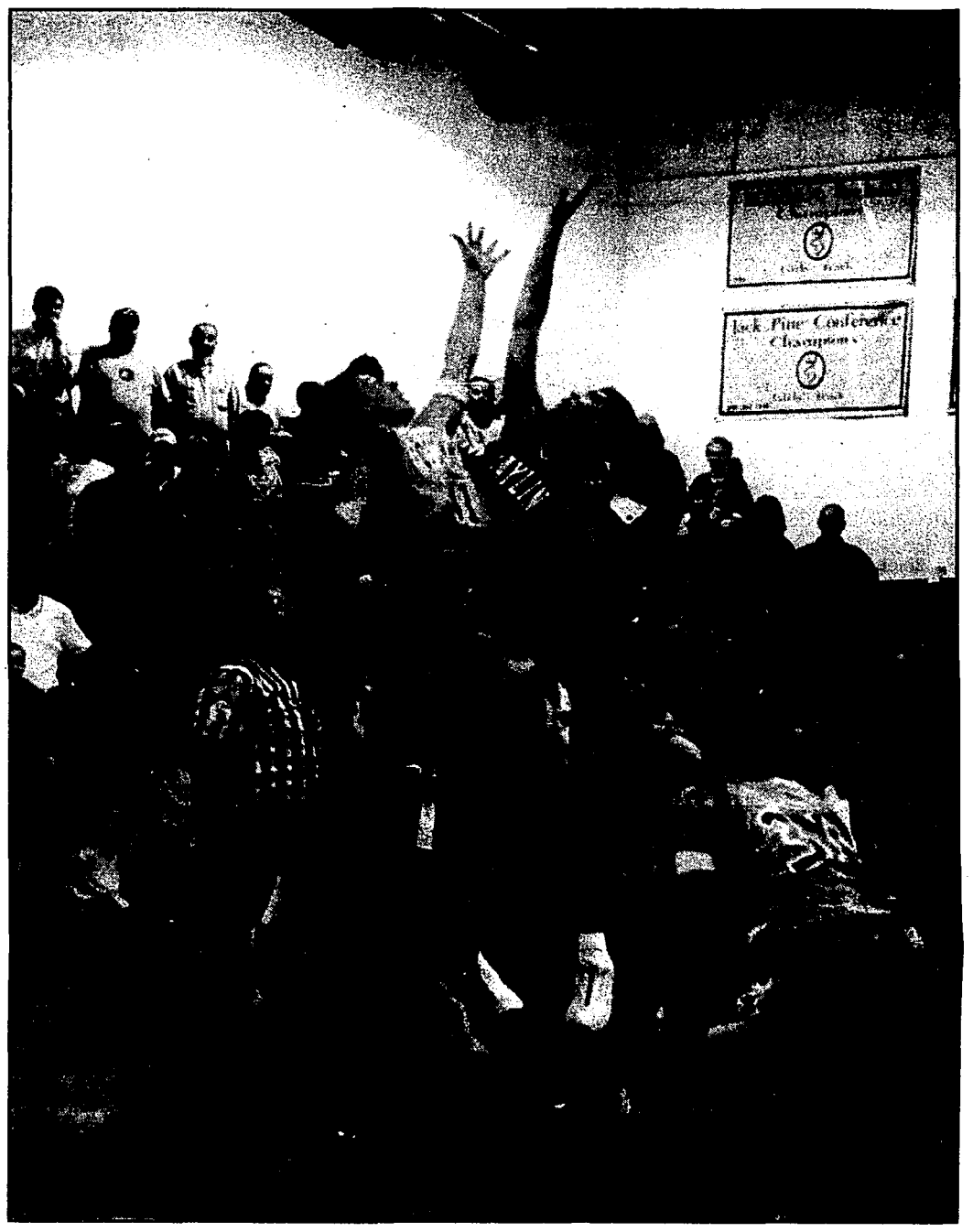

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Joe Lange reaches for the ball during tip-off of the Roscommon vs. Grayling varsity basketball game last Tuesday in Roscommon.

Grayling's press too much for Bucks in JV contest

▶ JV team wins big at Roscommon, defeats Gaylord by 19 in Grayling

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Grayling High School's JV boys basketball team opened its 2001-02 season with two consecutive wins last week, including a 69-24 victory at Roscommon on Tuesday in the squad's season opener.

It took the Vikings a few minutes to get into a rhythm against the Bucks at Roscommon last Tuesday, but once they did, the Vikes ran away with the game. Aggressive defending and effective full court pressure helped Grayling add points to the board quickly while keeping Roscommon out of their offensive zone for most of the first half, resulting in a lop-sided score at halftime.

About two minutes into the game, the Vikings got started with an 8-0 run to lead 10-1 mid-way through the first quarter. The run included two drives by Roy Czapek, a fast break lay-up by Travis Gildner, and two free throws by Andy Strohpaul.

GHS led 12-5 after one quarter of play.

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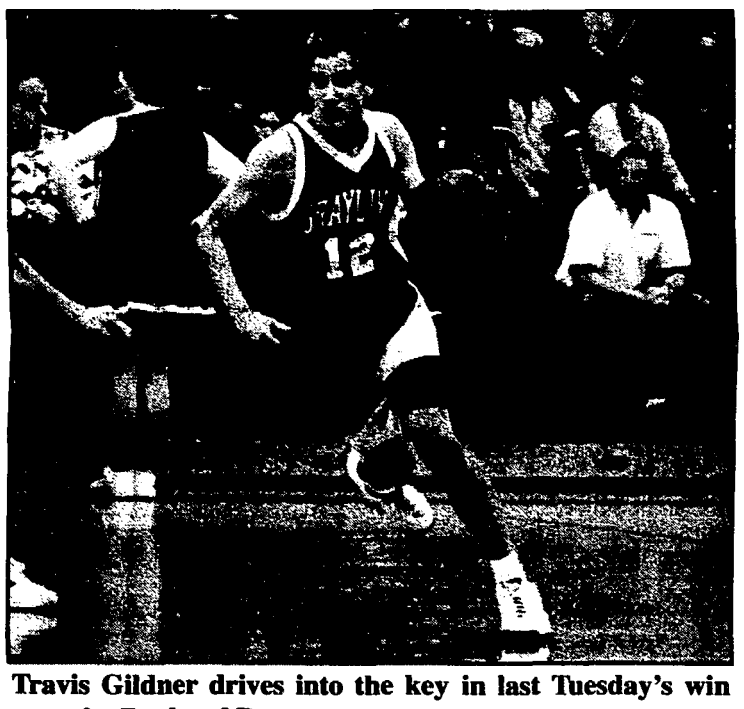

Travis Gildner drives into the key in last Tuesday's win over the Bucks of Roscommon.

GHS wrestlers defeat Houghton Lake

▶ Vikings win against Bobcats, fall to Northmen in home dual meet

The GHS wrestling team defeated Houghton Lake but lost to a strong Petoskey squad in Grayling's first home dual meet of the '01-02 season last Wednesday.

Petoskey and Houghton Lake faced off first. The Northmen defeated the Bobcats of Houghton Lake by a final score 78-6.

The Vikings then wrestled against Petoskey. The Northmen won nine matches by pin, one by decision, and one by forfeit.

Grayling posted three wins against Petoskey: Darryl Babbitt (160), 8-7 decision, 3 team points; Brandon Pratt (171), pin, 6 team points; Aaron Rosecrans (215), 14-9 decision, 3 team points.

Grayling and Houghton Lake took to the mat for the final team competition of the night.

The Vikings again forfeited in the heavyweight division. HL led 6-0.

Brady Ward (103) pinned his opponent in the second round to tie the score at 6-6.

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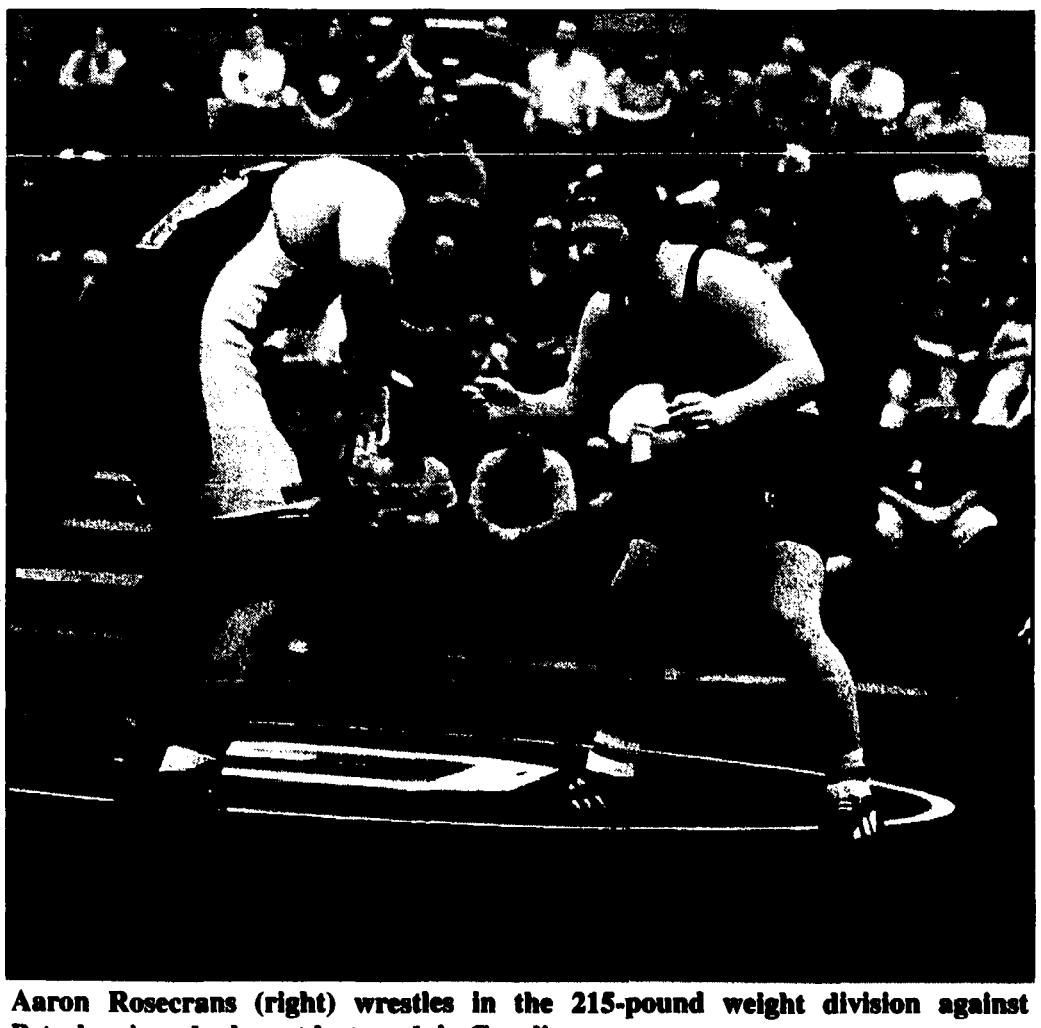
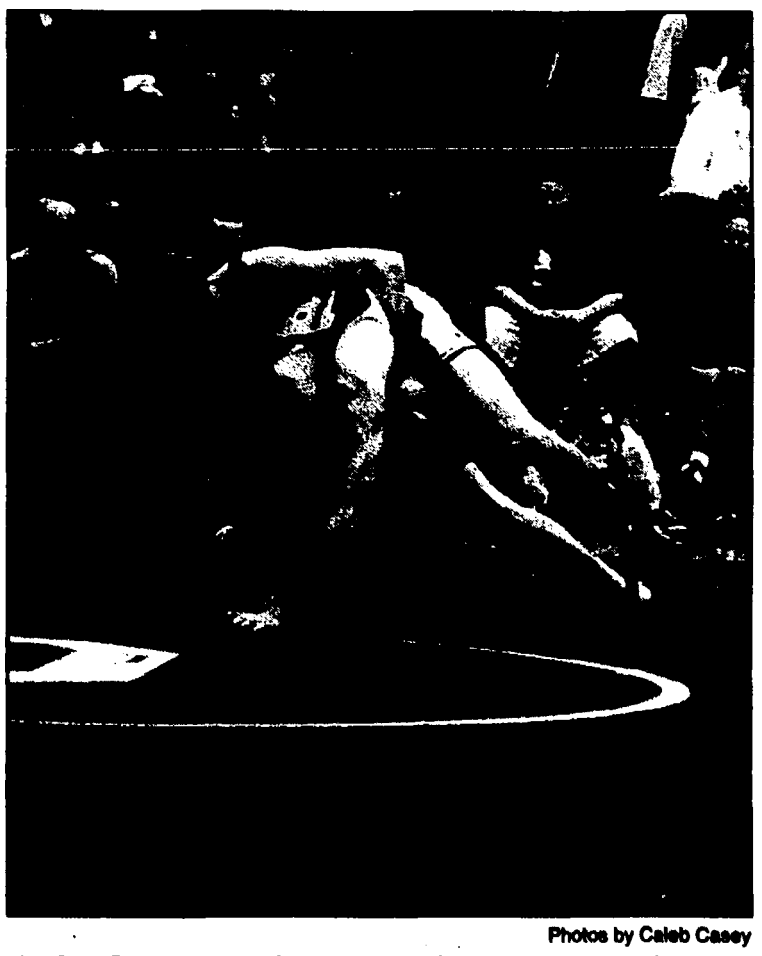


Aaron Rosecrans (right) wrestles in the 215-pound weight division against Petoskey in a dual meet last week in Grayling.



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Andy Palmer works a Petoskey opponent in last Wednesday's meet vs. the Northmen and Bobcats of Houghton Lake.

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Varsity team rallies for 2nd half comeback

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Roscommon built its lead up to nine by the end of the first half. The Bucks edged GHS 20-18 in the second quarter. Grayling's second period baskets included three-pointers by Schmidt, Fox, and Gib Tobin, a put-back by Schmidt, and seven free throws.

Down by nine, the Vikings came out strong in the second half. Grayling cut the Roscommon lead to three with a drive by Schmidt, a lay-up by Tobin on an assist from Latusek, and a lay-up by Schmidt on a pass from Latusek.

Roscommon hit its first field goal of the second half with about six minutes left in the third quarter. Grayling answered with a three-pointer by Schmidt, pulling the Vikings within two, 39-37. A bucket by Roscommon put the Bucks up by four.

In the last two minutes of the third quarter, Grayling outscored Roscommon 9-1 to take a 46-44 advantage into the fourth quarter. The run included triples by D'Amour and Schmidt and three free throws.

Roscommon hit the first basket of the fourth quarter to tie the game at 46-46. A shot inside by Schmidt and a fast break lay-up by the Bucks tied the match at 48-48.

A triple by Schmidt gave GHS a three-point edge. At the 5:51 mark, Schmidt sank another three-pointer to put the Vikings up by six.

Roscommon scored at the 4:47 mark, then Grayling countered with a drive by Schmidt to leave Grayling's lead at six with about four minutes left to play.

A free throw by Latusek, a shot inside by Lange on the press break, a lay-up by D'Amour following a steal, and a free throw by D'Amour put the Vikings up by 11, 62-51, with 2:20 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Another shot inside by Lange on a press break and a free throw by D'Amour put GHS up by 14 with 48 seconds left on the fourth quarter clock. D'Amour and Schmidt converted free throws down the

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Photo by Caleb Casey
R.J. Schmidt drives to the basket in last Friday's game against Gaylord in Grayling. Schmidt has scored 62 points for the Vikings in two games so far this season.

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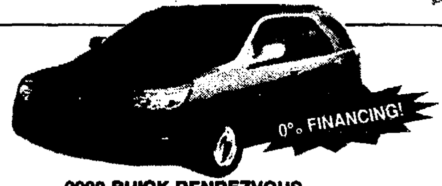
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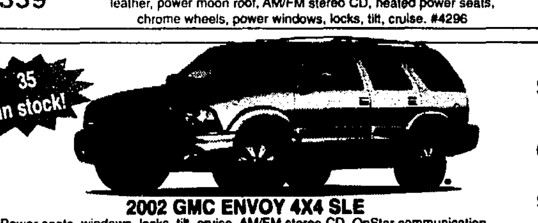
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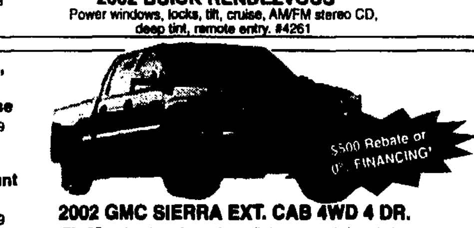
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Varsity team rallies for 2nd half comeback

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stretch, and the Vikings held on to win by 12, 67-55.

Schmidt was the scoring leader for Grayling with 30 points. Baynham led the rebounding effort with 13 boards, and Tobin led the team in assists with seven.

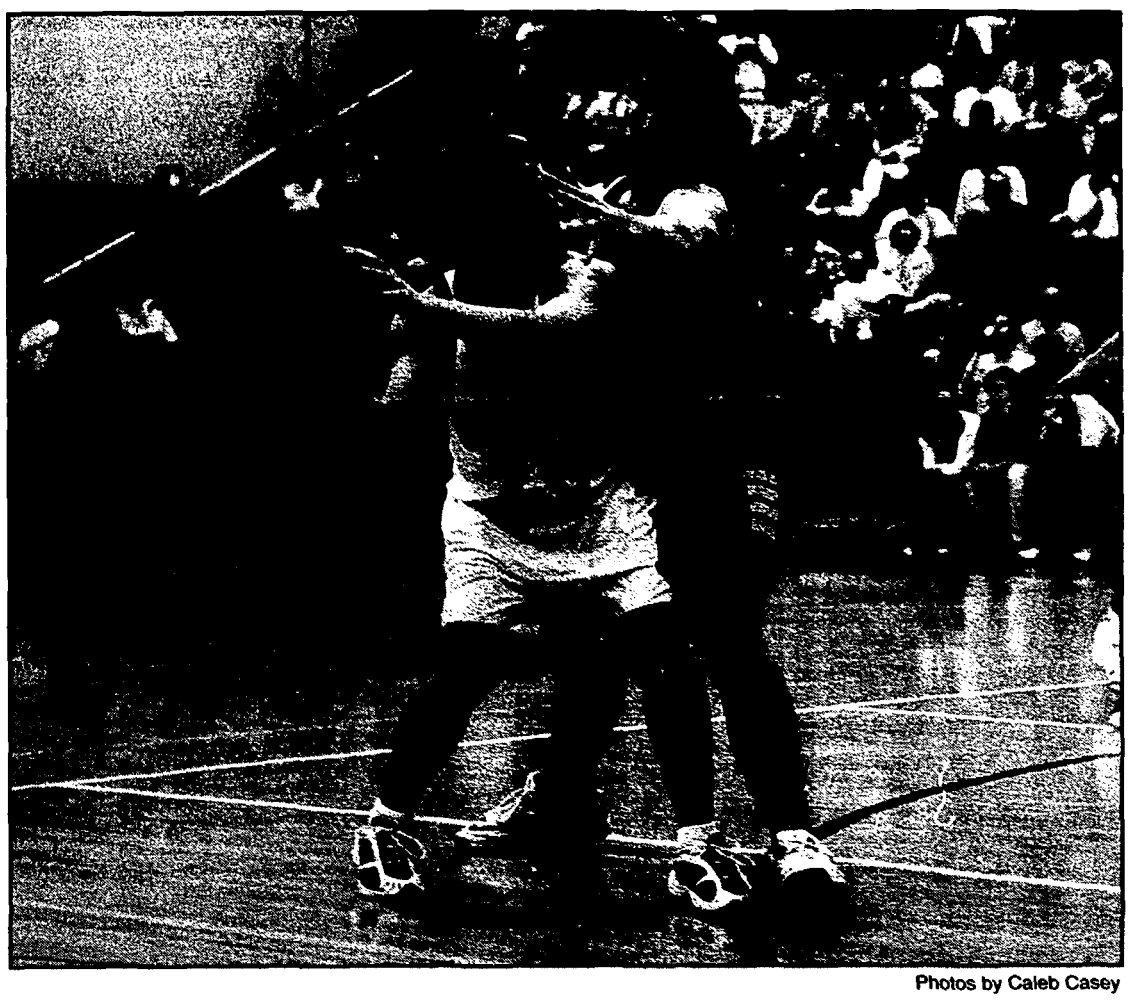
"In the first half we were totally outplayed by Roscommon," said Coach Rich Moffit. "They beat us on the boards 24-16 and I thought we were tentative on the court."

"Our kids stepped it up in the second half and we got a good defensive effort out of our kids. Our senior leadership and work on the boards, 22-8 in the second half, was the difference," said Coach Moffit. "We have to continue to work hard and improve as a team if we are going to be successful."

The Vikings lost their second game of the season, a home match against the Blue Devils of Gaylord last Friday. A combination of Grayling turnovers and consistently accurate shooting by Gaylord resulted in a 96-78 Blue Devil win in a high-scoring affair.

The teams set the frenzied pace on offense early, combining for 46 points in the first period alone.

Grayling's 19 first quarter points came from triples by Latusek and Schmidt, a jumper by Tobin, a lay-up and a three-point play by Schmidt, a jumper by D'Amour, and free throws by Lange and Ryan Swope.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Nick D'Amour looks to pass against the Blue Devils of Gaylord on Friday.

Gaylord, capitalizing on several Grayling turnovers, went on a 12-0 run to start the second quarter. The Blue Devils led by 20, 39-19, at that point, and never let the Vikings back into the game.

Grayling scored 10 second period points on a jumper by Latusek, a shot inside by Baynham on a long pass by Schmidt, and free throws by Baynham, Schmidt, and Tobin.

The Blue Devils led 53-29 at half-time.

Grayling had a solid third quarter on offense, scoring 19 points, but the Blue Devils continued their hot shooting and hit for 20.

Grayling's 19 third period points included two triples and two lay-ups by Schmidt, a three-pointer by D'Amour, a shot inside by Roger Alvarez, and four free throws.

The Blue Devils led 73-48 going into the fourth period.

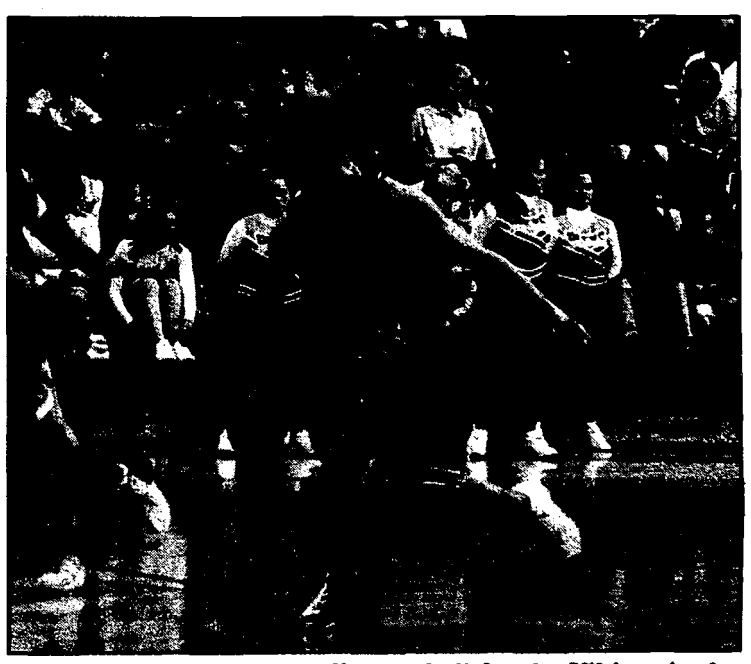
The fourth quarter erupted into a three-point shoot-out. Grayling scored seven three-pointers in the period, while Gaylord connected on six three-point shots for a grand total of 13 triples in the final eight minutes of play. (The two teams made 24 triples throughout the duration of the game, accounting for 72 of the 174 total points scored in the match.)

Grayling's fourth quarter three-point assault included three triples by Tobin, two by Schmidt, and two by Latusek.

Schmidt, in another impressive performance on offense, led Grayling with 32 points. He is averaging 31 points per game after two matches. Latusek and Tobin each finished with 13 against Gaylord.

The Vikings start their conference schedule this week. On Friday, December 14, the team will play at Bay City John Glenn.

After the holiday break, the Vikings will host Gladwin on Friday, January 4.



Guard Scott Latusek handles the ball for the Vikings in the Roscommon game on Tuesday.

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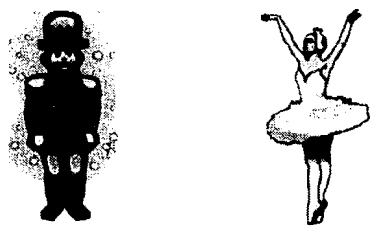

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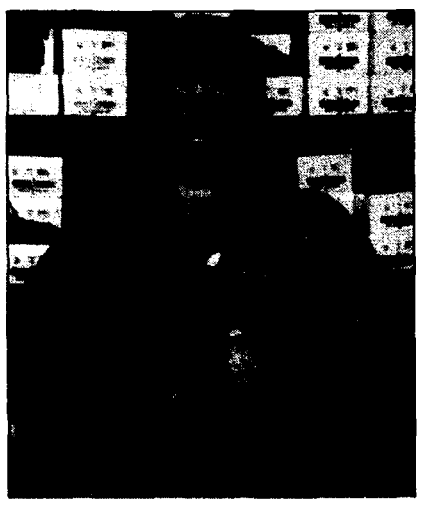

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The Vikings had a huge second quarter. Two put-backs by Greg Morrill put Grayling up 17-7. In the last 4:35 of the first half, the Vikings went on a 21-1 run behind the strength of their pressure defense. The run included nine points by Czapek, three fast break lay-ups by Strohpaul, a jump shot by Gildner, two free throws by Morrill, and a put-back by Ryan Davis.

The Vikings led by 29 at half-time, 38-9.

Grayling backed off on the press in the second half, and maintained a steady lead.

The Vikings scored 16 points in the third period on a triple by Gildner, a jumper by Gildner, a three-point play by Czapek, a fast break lay-up by Gildner, a shot inside by Phil Armstrong, a jump shot by Morrill, and a reverse lay-up by Czapek.

Grayling added 15 points to their total in the fourth quarter with a triple by Armstrong, a shot inside by Armstrong, two jumpers by Gildner, a put-back by Gildner, and a fast break bucket by Armstrong.

The Vikings won the match by 45 points, 69-24.

"We started a little slow and tight, then picked up the pressure and turned steals into points," said Coach Butch Hayes. "A great team effort."

Czapek and Gildner each posted a double-double in the match vs. Roscommon. Gildner finished with 19 points and 13 rebounds, and Czapek had 19 points and 10 boards. Strohpaul scored 13 points, and Morrill finished with 7 rebounds.

On Friday, the Vikings improved their season record to 2-0 with a 67-48 win over the Blue Devils of Gaylord in Grayling. After a closely contested first half, the Vikings

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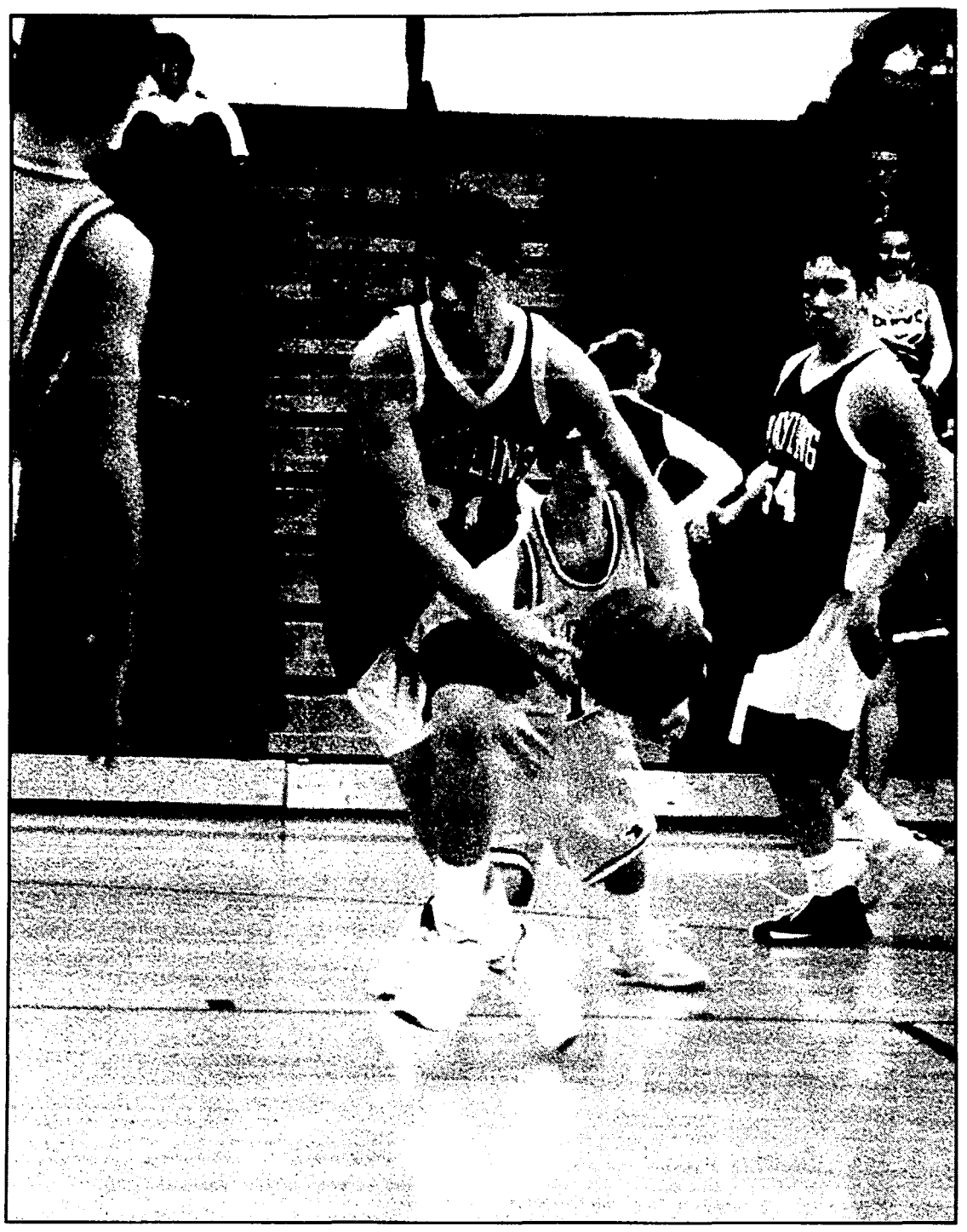

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Roy Czapek drives to the basket for the JV team in last Tuesday's season opener at Roscommon.

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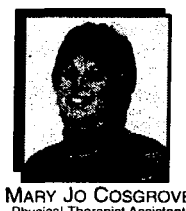

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▶ Freshman boys basketball team opens '01-02 season with a 57-35 victory

The Grayling Vikings defeated the Bucks of Roscommon 57-35 in a freshman boys basketball game at Roscommon last Tuesday in Grayling's 2001-02 season opener.

Josh Hinkle, a guard, led GHS with 14 points. Guard D.J. Metzer added 13 points, and forward Matt Swope finished with 11 points.

"We really hustled on defense, forced and converted many turnovers, but more importantly, played great team ball," said Coach Joe Mau. "This was a great start to the season."

The freshman team plays at Bay City John Glenn this Friday. After holiday break, the Vikings play their home opener against West Branch Ogemaw Heights at 6:15 p.m. on Monday, January 7.

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rallied for a big run late in the third period, then carried the momentum over to the fourth quarter to extend their lead to 19 by the final buzzer.

A shot inside by Armstrong and a jumper by Czapek got the Vikings on the board first. Gaylord tied the game, then a jump shot by Czapek gave Grayling a two-point edge. The Blue Devils took a two-point lead, then fast break lay-ups by Czapek and Strohpaul put the Vikings back on top. Gaylord tied it, then Gildner hit the last shot of the first quarter to give the Vikings a 12-10 advantage going into the second period.

After a relatively low-scoring first quarter, the offenses got rolling. Grayling scored 25 points and Gaylord hit for 20 in the second period, giving the Vikings a 37-30 halftime lead.

Grayling's second quarter scoring included 10 points by Gildner, 10 points by Czapek, a jumper by Strohpaul, a put-back by Davis, and a free throw by Morrill.

Gaylord outscored the Vikings 11-1 in the first four minutes of the third quarter to take a 41-38 lead.

Grayling responded with a 13-0 run that included drives by Davis and Armstrong, a triple by Strohpaul, jumpers by Gildner and Morrill, and a fast break lay-up by Strohpaul.

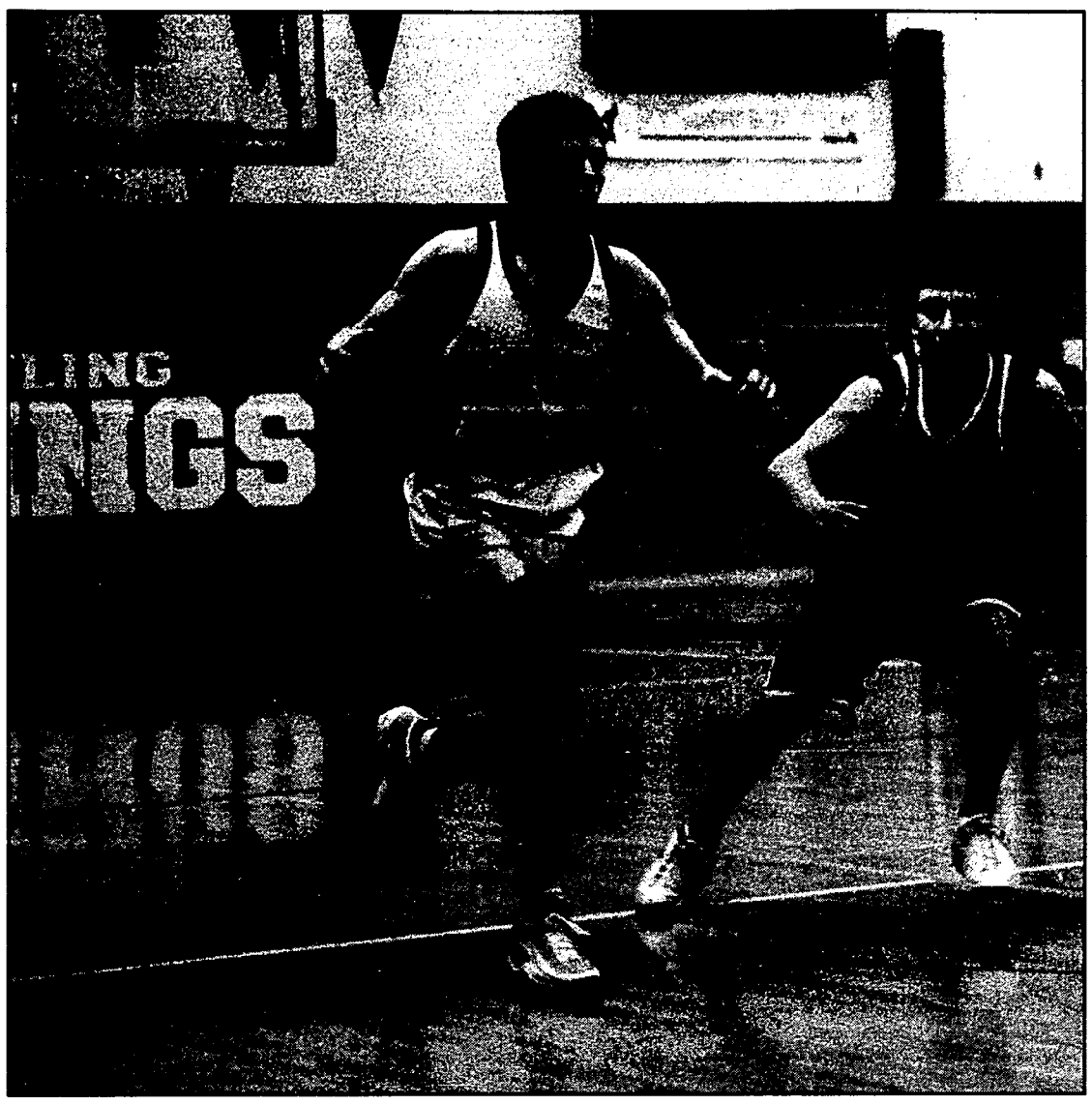
The Vikings led by 10 after three quarters of play, 51-41.

Grayling held the Blue Devils to seven points in the final eight minutes of the game. Gaylord mustered only one field goal in the fourth period.

The Vikings scored 16 fourth-quarter points on a drive by Gildner, a put-back by Strohpaul, and 14 free throws down the stretch.

High scorers for Grayling were Strohpaul (19), Czapek (18), and Gildner (16).

The Vikings will play at Bay City John Glenn on Friday, December 14. After that, the team doesn't play again until after holiday break.



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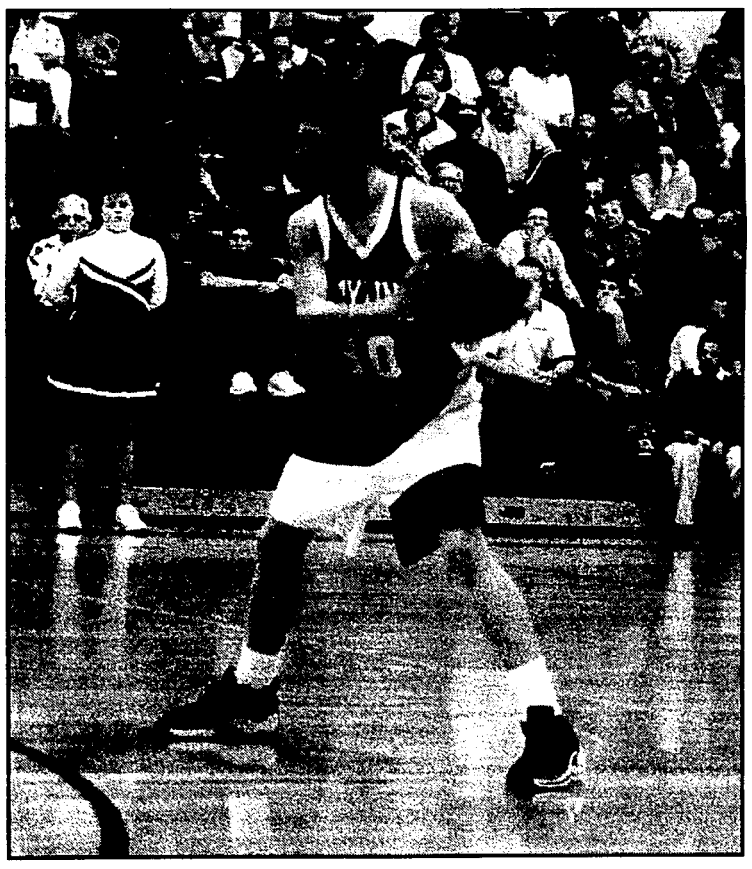
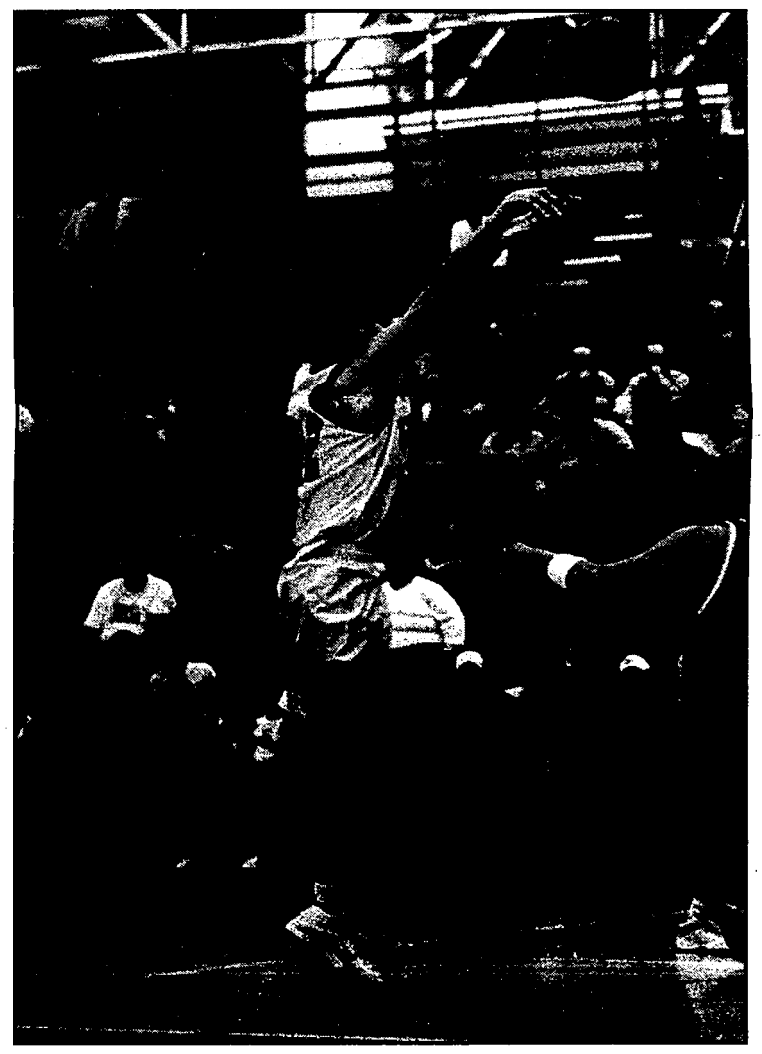
Andy Strohpaul brings the ball past half-court against the Gaylord Blue Devils in Grayling last Friday.



JV guard Phil Armstrong looks to pass.



Travis Gildner shoots a jumper against Gaylord.

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MEN: Monte Tucker and Andy Topie were two of six Kirtland Community College scorers in double figures Saturday, December 8 to lead the Firebirds to a 122-98 victory over Lambton College and end a two-game losing skid.

Reuben Edwards had 15, Doug Moyer had 14, Dmitry Popov had 11, and Levi Burkett had 10 for Kirtland. Guard Mario Collins narrowly missed a triple double with nine points, 15 assists and eight steals for the Firebirds, who improved to 6-3 with the victory before several hundred fans at Grayling High School.

Kirtland's season continues Thursday, December 13 with a 7 p.m. game against the Cornerstone junior varsity in Roscommon.

WOMEN: Hannah Miller scored 16 points and Brandi Bates and Megan Hardy added 14 each as the team's only three sophomores led the way in an 84-40 Kirtland Community College triumph Saturday over Rochester College.

Freshman guard Amy Jordan added 10 points and led a stifling defensive effort with five steals to help the Lady Firebirds end a three-game losing streak and improve to 5-4.

Bates also had 13 rebounds, five assists and three of Kirtland's 21 steals.

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Sara Enfield scored 22 points and Katie Gustavson added 10 to pace the Albion Junior Varsity to a 57-55 women's basketball win Tuesday night over Kirtland Community College.

The Lady Britons (3-2) built a 16-point lead early in the second half before an inspired effort on the defensive end helped Kirtland pull within a point, 56-55, with just over a minute left to play. Hannah Miller led the Lady Firebirds (4-4) with 16 points. Brandi Bates had 11 and Jillian Schultz had 10.

The Lady Firebirds continue their season Saturday, December 15 at 3 p.m. in Roscommon against Lansing.

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GHS wrestlers defeat Houghton Lake

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Houghton Lake won the next two matches to take an 18-6 lead.

Adam Malone (125) picked up six points for GHS with a second round pin. A first round pin by Andy Palmer (130) tied the score at 18-18.

The Bobcats won the 135-pound division. Tom Barnett (140) won a 14-9 decision to pull the Vikings within three, 24-21.

Houghton Lake won the next match to go up by nine.

A 7-4 win by decision by Dusty Partello (152) cut HL's lead to six.

A first round pin by Darryl Babbitt (160), his second win of the day, tied the score at 30-30.

Pratt (171), winning his second match of the meet, defeated his opponent 17-8 by decision and earned four team points for Grayling.

With only two weight classes left, Grayling led 34-30. A win in the next match would be enough to clinch a GHS victory.

Greg Warren (189) pinned his opponent in the second round for six team points, sealing a win for Grayling. Rosecrans (215) added another six points to Grayling's total in the final match of the meet with a third round pin.

GHS won 46-30 over Houghton Lake.

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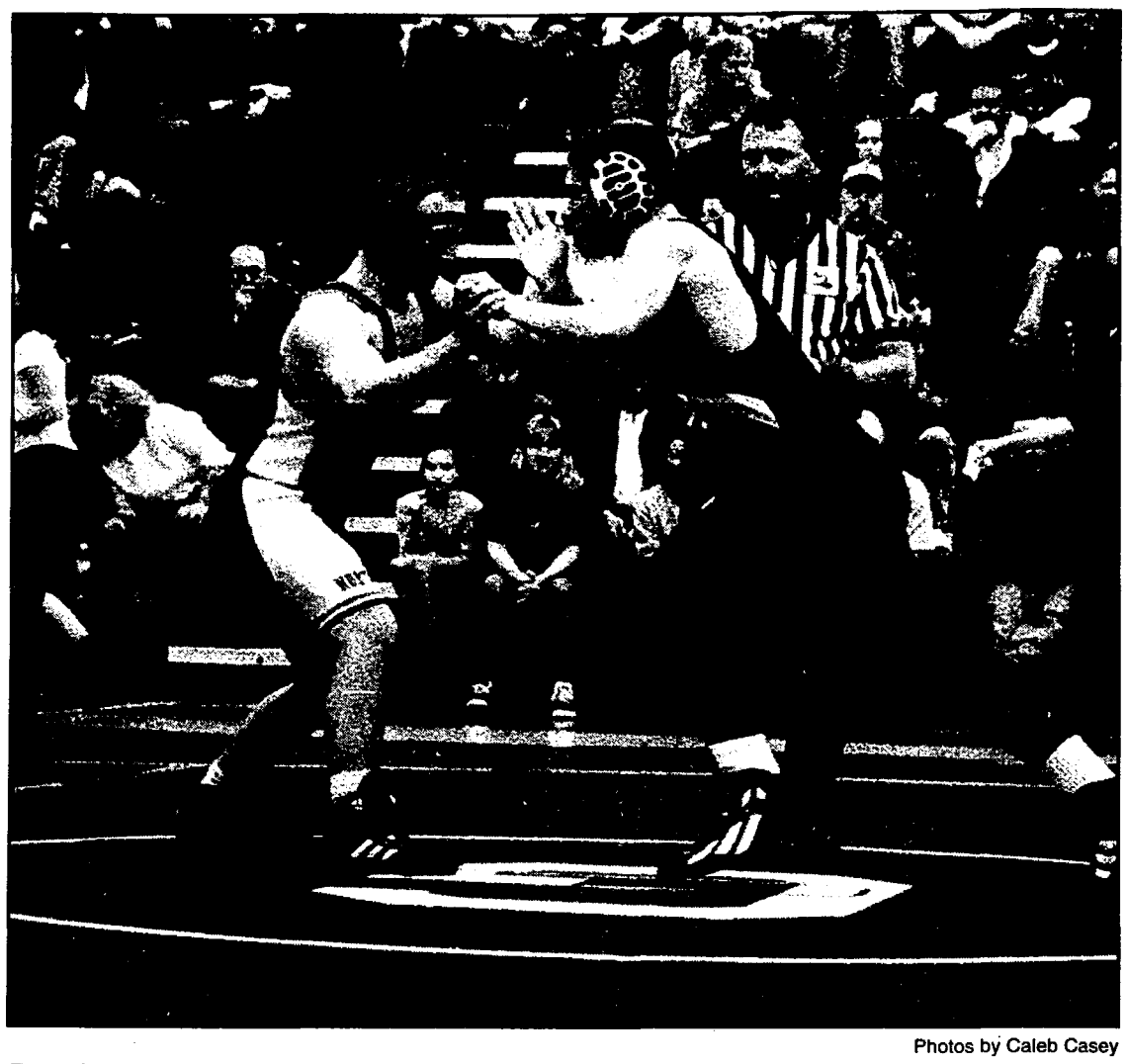

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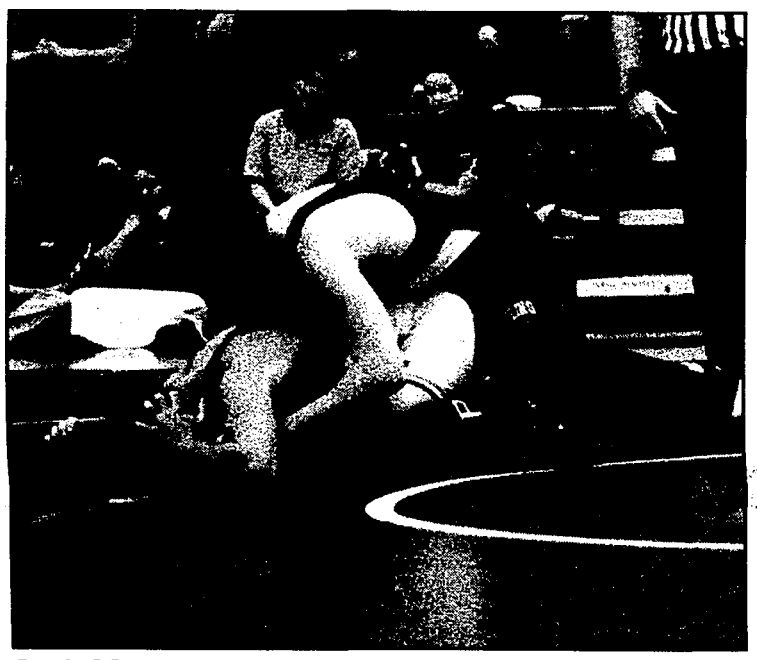
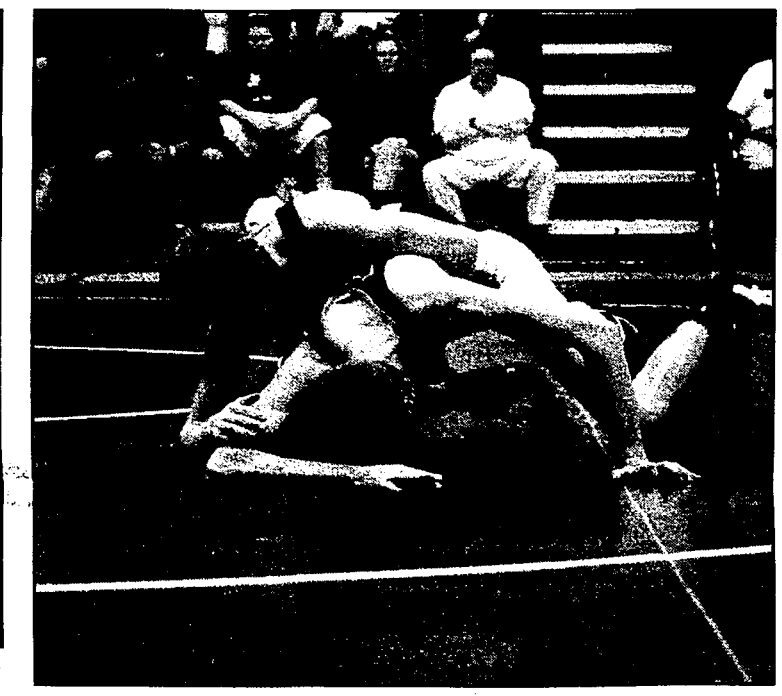
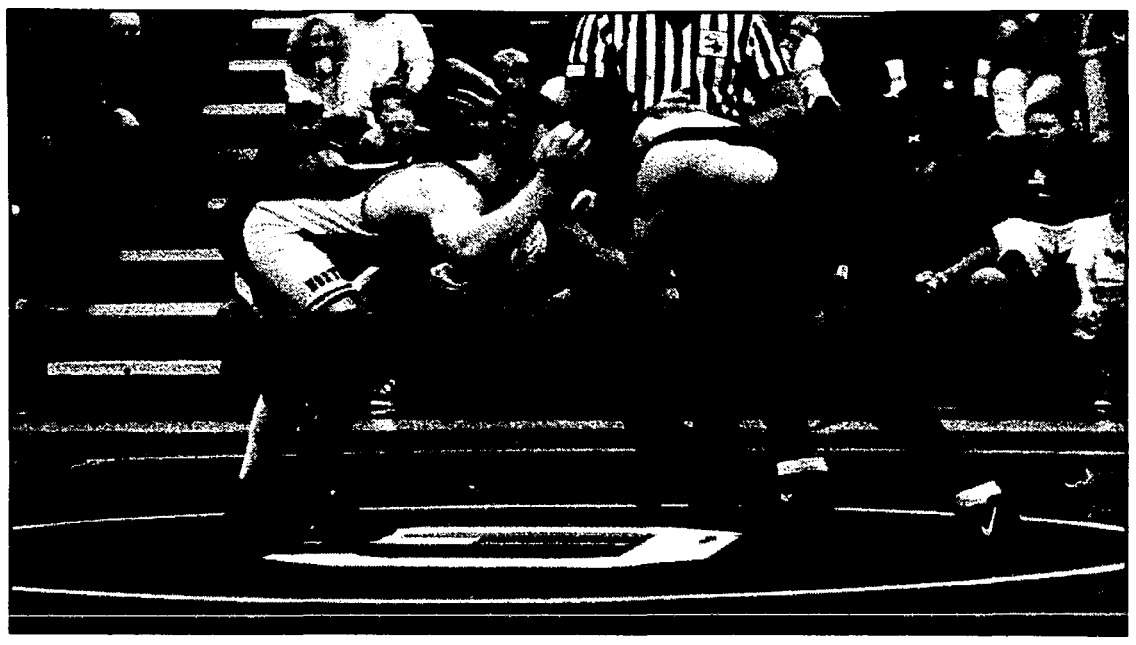
Brandon Pratt wrestles against Petoskey on Wednesday, December 5, in Grayling. Pratt (171) won the match by pin.



Jessie Mooneyham (145) grapples with a Petoskey wrestler on Wednesday.



Andy Palmer (130) tries to flip his Petoskey opponent.



Dusty Partello faces off with his Petoskey couterpart in the 152-pound weight division.

Darryl Babbitt grapples with a Northman wrestler in the 160-pound weight class. Babbitt won the match by decision, 8-7.

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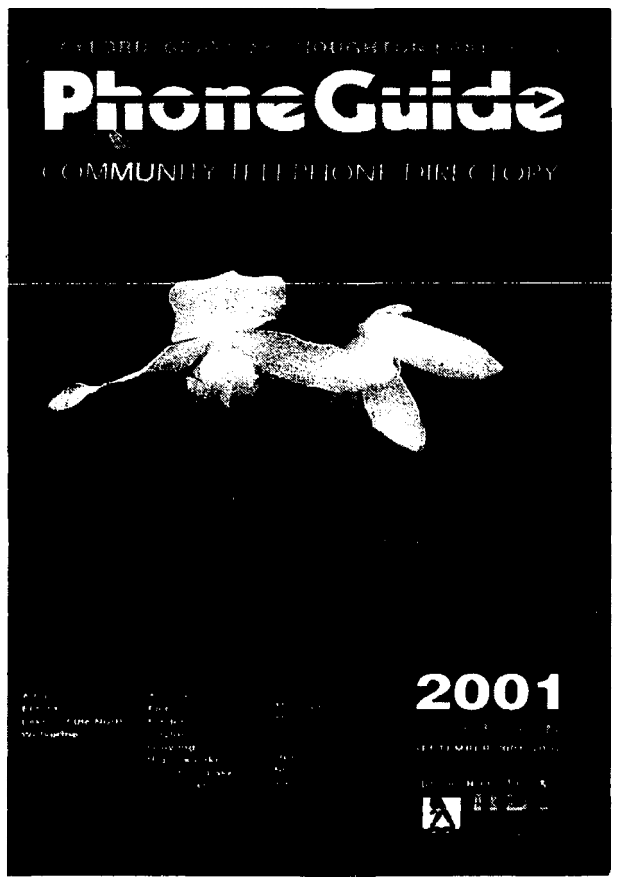

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Week #14 Winning Games

1. Tampa Bay (27) [illegible]cksonville (24)
2. Dallas [illegible]nesota
3. New[illegible]ns [illegible]ington
4. Buf[illegible] [illegible]urgh
5. Green[illegible] [illegible]kland
6. St. L[illegible] [illegible]nver
7. [illegible] 15. North Dakota
8. Philad[illegible] 16. LSU (51)

WEEKLY PRIZES

- Sports Cap--Scheer Motors
- FREE 20lb. Propane Cylinder Fill-Up --Fick & Sons
- One free lunch, a $8.95 value --Grayling Holiday Inn
- $50--Crawford County Avalanche
- $10 Gift Cert.--Riverland Gear
- $5 Gift Cert. good on a 10" or 14" pizza --Buccilli's Pizza
- $25 Gift Cert.--Comfort Center
- Free lube, oil and filter --Scott McNamara Ford-Mercury, Inc
- $10 Gift Cert. --Lucky & Laura's
- $10 Gift. Cert. -- U.S.A. Trailer Sales

Winner

Paul Compo

14 Correct 1st tiebreaker 31

Also with 14 correct: Ron MacLeod, Pat Benardo, Philip Lewis

10 entries had 13 correct

• 97 Entries

1. Minnesota vs. Detroit

3 Stores in One!
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5. Cincinnati vs. NY Jets

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9. Tampa Bay vs. Chicago

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13. Dallas vs. Seattle

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2. Arizona vs. NY Giants

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6. Denver vs. Kansas City

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10. Miami vs. San Francisco

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•Sunday: Long-Necks $1.50
•Monday: Pitchers of beer $5.00
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25 oz. Mugs $2.00
•Big Screen TV
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14. Pittsburgh vs. Baltimore

For all your transportation needs see Cliff Wheeler
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4. Oakland vs. San Diego

Huge [illegible]election
Pontiac
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[illegible] Branch Exp[illegible]

7. Jacksonville vs. Cleveland

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11. Green Bay vs. Tennessee

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15. Minnesota vs. Detroit

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3. Seattle vs. Indianapolis

U.S.A. Trailer Sales
Formerly Gold Star Trailers II.
[illegible] For Every [illegible]
Ken S[illegible] Hawley
[illegible] M-72, Grayling, MI
[illegible]

8. New England vs. Buffalo

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12. Philadelphia vs. Washington

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WEEK #15

Name_____ Phone_____

Address_____ Signature_____

PLEASE NOTE: Advertiser MUST be written in next to team or slip will be VOID!!

	Winner	Advertiser		Winner	Advertiser		Winner	Advertiser
Game 1			Game 8			Game 15		
Game 2			Game 9			Game 16		
Game 3			Game 10					
Game 4			Game 11					
Game 5			Game 12			Tiebreaker 1 Game #1		
Game 6			Game 13			Tiebreaker 2 game #9		
Game 7			Game 14			Tiebreaker 3 game #16		

Avalanche Football Contest Official Rules

(1) Contestants must list the advertiser in which each game is found. Write your p[illegible] for the games played, advertisers and tiebreakers (total points scored by both teams) on entry form. Entry form without advertisers listed will be invalid. The person with the most correct picks wins all the weekly prizes listed. If the [illegible] not determine a w[illegible] a drawing will be held to select a single winner. (2) One entry per person a week will be accepted. Crawford County Avalanche employees are not eligible. (3) Completed entry forms must be returned to the A[illegible] Friday before each week's games. Mail slot in our door may be used Wednesday or Thursday night after 5 pm and before 9 am. Mailed entries must be postmarked no later 5 pm Friday. Mail to Crawford County Avalanche, [illegible]x 490, Grayling, MI 49738. (4) Entries must be on an official entry form as printed in the Avalanche. No purchase necessary to enter. Entry forms are available at the Avalanche office. Winner may claim their prizes at the Avalanche office between 9 am and 5 pm weekdays. Identification and a social security number must be presented when claiming prizes.

NOTICE OF SHOW CAUSE HEARING AND JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE HEARING NON-PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES

On March 1, 2001 real estate with **unpaid 1997 and/or 1999 property taxes** was forfeited to the Crawford County Treasurer pursuant to the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893, PA 206, **MCL 211.1 to 211.157, as amended.**

The State of Michigan is acting as the Foreclosing Governmental Unit in proceedings to **foreclose** on this property for **unpaid property taxes.**

There are **two hearings** scheduled to finalize the foreclosure process. This publication is intended to provide additional notice to parties of interest in these parcels as to the nature, time, and location of these hearings.

A **Show Cause Hearing** is scheduled for Jan 2-23, 2002 at 608 S Washington, Lansing MI 48933.
Any person with an interest in the property forfeited to the county treasurer may appear at the show cause hearing and redeem that property or show cause why absolute title to that property should not vest in the Foreclosing Governmental Unit.

A **Judicial Foreclosure Hearing** is scheduled for Feb 6, 2002 11:45 AM at 46th Circuit Court, 200 W Michigan Ave, Grayling MI 49738.
At this hearing the Foreclosing Governmental Unit shall ask that the court enter a judgment foreclosing the property as requested in the petition for foreclosure. A person claiming an interest in a parcel of property set forth in the petition for foreclosure, who desires to contest that petition, must file written objections with the clerk of the circuit court and serve those objections on State of Michigan, the Foreclosing Governmental Unit. The docket number of the petition is 01-5494-CZ.

If you are a person with an interest in property being foreclosed:

- You have the **right to redeem** this parcel from the foreclosure process by **payment** of all forfeited unpaid taxes, interest, penalties, and fees prior to the expiration of the redemption period. **You should contact the Crawford County Treasurer for the amount required to redeem.**
- You may lose your interest in the property as a result of the foreclosure proceeding.
- The title to the property shall vest absolutely in the Foreclosing Governmental Unit unless all forfeited unpaid delinquent taxes, interest, penalties, and fees are paid within 21 days after judgment is entered in the foreclosure proceedings.

PLEASE NOTE :

The following list represents parties that appear to have title, lien, or other apparent rights to the parcels being foreclosed by the Foreclosing Governmental Unit.

This notice is required to be given by law, even if the party no longer claims or desires an interest if it appears they hold any **undischarged, apparent, or potential** title or lien right to the property.

Listing of a party does NOT necessarily indicate that they are the owner of a parcel, or that they are liable for the property taxes.

This list is NOT an offering of property for sale. These parcels are **NOT** being sold, auctioned, or otherwise made available by virtue of this notice.

There is **no procedure** for purchasing these parcels from the Foreclosing Governmental Unit at this point in the foreclosure proceedings. Those parcels that are foreclosed and not redeemed **may** become available at **public auction** in July, September, and November of **2002. These parcels remain the property of their current owner** until redemption rights have expired. **No party should make any attempt to inspect or enter upon these parcels** assuming them to be for sale. This may constitute trespassing and subject the offender to criminal prosecution. The street address of the parcels listed is based on local records and is not guaranteed to be the actual location of the property.

The **amount due** listed indicates the balance which was due **as of forfeiture on March 1, 2001**. The **current amount** required to redeem **must be obtained from the Crawford County Treasurer**, as additional penalties, fees, and interest have accrued since forfeiture.

Name	Parcel #	Amount
ABEL MANUFACTURING HOUSING	050-019-015-060-00	$1013.62
ACME DRYWALL	040-45-282-00-073-00	$242.99
ACME DRYWALL	040-45-283-00-153-00	$239.73
ADDIS, DUANE E	010-14-800-00-184-00	$241.03
ADDIS, MRS DUANE E	010-14-800-00-184-00	$241.03
ALBERGO, BRIDGET M	040-43-034-08-020-01	$789.57
ALBERGO, DANIEL E	040-43-034-08-020-01	$789.57
ANTCLIFF, ROA W	062-032-010-210-00	$265.88
ARGUE, TONYA	040-41-015-06-160-00	$791.55
ARGUE, WESLEY	040-41-015-06-160-00	$791.55
ASSOCIATES HOUSING FINANCE	062-027-001-020-03	$995.92
AVERY, TINA M	040-45-770-00-018-00	$903.41
BAKER, BARBARA A	020-075-000-206-00	$339.91
BAKER, JAMES A	020-075-000-206-00	$339.91
BALLOU, CHERYL	062-032-010-210-00	$265.88
BARBA, BERNADETTE M	050-028-001-340-00	$280.09
BIGGER, BETTY	040-43-033-13-080-00	$1412.27
BIGGER, DAVID	040-43-033-13-080-00	$1412.27
BOBIS, ANDREW J	020-075-000-203-00	$291.99
BOBIS, VIVA E	020-075-000-203-00	$291.99
BOHN, CLARE G	020-075-000-090-00	$339.91
BOHN, PETER W	020-075-000-090-00	$339.91
BRANDT, E ROBERT	032-102-000-215-00	$279.02
BRANDT, E ROBERT	032-102-000-216-00	$279.02
BRANDT, VERA	032-102-000-215-00	$279.02
BRANDT, VERA	032-102-000-216-00	$279.02
BRANNAM, EDWIN O	050-019-015-060-00	$1013.62
BROOKSHIRE, ELA L	050-020-005-080-00	$970.77
CAMPBELL, LYNDA	052-520-000-518-00	$347.04
CAMPBELL, MICHAEL D	052-520-000-518-00	$347.04
CAROLINE M HALL TRUST	030-027-010-040-00	$452.17
CARPENTER COOK CO	064-500-000-043-00	$268.45
CARTER, CAROLYN	010-14-802-00-468-00	$233.43
CARTER, DAVID	010-14-802-00-468-00	$233.43
CHAPPEL, RONALD G	050-030-005-021-90	$862.64
CHAPPEL, SUSAN E	050-030-005-021-90	$862.64
CHAPPELL, MARGARET W	040-40-015-01-006-00	$361.50
CHAPPEL, RONALD G	050-030-005-021-90	$862.64
CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE	010-11-022-14-037-00	$272.70
CHILDS, DAVID C	020-100-000-352-00	$271.52
CHOJNICK, VIOLET	020-034-001-045-00	$341.05
CHUPAILO, ALFRED	064-340-000-061-00	$753.87
CHUPAILO, ALVENA	064-340-000-061-00	$753.87
CHUPAILO, GREG	064-340-000-061-00	$753.87
CHUPAILO, MRS ALFRED	064-340-000-061-00	$753.87
CITIZENS BANK	070-183-003-011-00	$15978.34
COCHRAN, THELMA S	020-016-005-070-00	$474.63
COLE, EILEEN H	064-400-000-095-00	$266.85
COLE, TERRENCE D	064-400-000-095-00	$266.85
COLE, WALTER J	064-400-000-095-00	$266.85
CONKLIN, CAROL	020-016-005-070-00	$474.63
CONKLIN, CAROL	051-024-010-020-04	$425.04
CONKLIN, KENNETH	020-016-005-070-00	$474.63
CONKLIN, KENNETH	051-024-010-020-04	$425.04
CONTIMORTGAGE CORP	070-200-026-002-00	$3246.82
COOK, RANDOLPH	010-14-151-00-088-00	$230.61
COOK, SANDRA W	010-14-151-00-088-00	$230.61
CORBIN, RODNEY V	010-14-801-00-264-00	$809.04
COY, MARY E	010-14-400-00-138-00	$252.75
COY, MARY E	010-14-801-00-248-00	$224.72
COY, WILLIAM C	010-14-400-00-138-00	$252.75
COY, WILLIAM C	010-14-801-00-248-00	$224.72
CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING AND REHAB AND COMM DEV	050-019-003-080-00	$504.40
CURRELL, DAVID	020-075-000-090-00	$339.91
DAWSON, ERNEST F	070-100-019-011-00	$1922.33
DEBOISE, DOROTHY	040-41-024-13-050-00	$444.81
DEBOISE, JOHN II	040-41-024-13-050-00	$444.81
DEFOREST, VERA	032-102-000-215-00	$279.02
DICKINSON, AMILDA	040-43-033-07-020-00	$598.99
DICKINSON, DEAN	040-43-033-07-020-00	$598.99
DISS, JAMES	062-031-001-040-01	$492.69
DOUGHERTY, DAVID C	064-500-000-011-00	$307.14
DOUGHERTY, MARLENE K	064-500-000-011-00	$307.14
DOUGLAS, ROSCOE	010-14-401-00-328-00	$224.75

Name	Parcel #	Amount
DUNCKLEY, GEORGE P	030-002-006-120-00	$1442.58
ECKARD, CHARLOTTE	050-019-013-046-04	$302.35
EMPIRE NATIONAL BANK	070-200-026-002-00	$3246.82
ENTERPRISE HEATING AND COOLING	062-032-010-210-00	$265.88
ENTERPRISE HEATING AND COOLING	062-033-015-080-00	$655.51
EQUICREDIT CORP	064-160-000-013-00	$1025.62
EQUICREDIT CORP	064-160-000-014-00	$248.63
EQUITY EXCHANGE LLC	070-183-003-011-00	$15978.34
ESTATE OF BERNADETTE BARBA	050-028-001-340-00	$280.09
ESTATE OF CONSTANCE H LAVRAU	020-034-001-045-00	$341.05
ESTATE OF DAVID H BROOKSHIRE	050-020-005-080-00	$970.77
ESTATE OF HARRY J KELLOGG	061-022-011-020-00	$254.99
FAIRCHILD, ARDEN E	052-520-000-436-00	$358.72
FAIRCHILD, MRS ARDEN E	052-520-000-436-00	$358.72
FAIRCHILD, PAMELA O	052-520-000-436-00	$358.72
FARM AND FOREST ENTERPRIZES	020-016-005-070-00	$474.63
FARM AND FOREST ENTERPRIZES	050-019-003-080-00	$504.40
FARM AND FOREST ENTERPRIZES	051-024-010-020-04	$425.04
FARMERS HOME ADM	040-45-770-00-018-00	$903.41
FERRARI, JOHN G	020-003-008-030-00	$461.24
FERRARI, JOHN SR	020-003-008-025-00	$333.20
FMHA	040-42-013-02-300-00	$535.33
FIRST FINANCE	070-200-026-002-00	$3246.82
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	040-45-282-00-073-00	$242.99
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	040-45-283-00-153-00	$239.73
FIRST UNION NATIONAL BANK	040-41-008-04-095-00	$1133.57
FITZGERALD, MARK G	040-40-019-03-006-00	$428.20
FORCE, TRACIE V	010-14-400-00-165-00	$3812.70
FORD, GEORGE	052-520-000-450-00	$298.98
FORD, JOYCE A	052-520-000-450-00	$298.98
FORD, LEONA E	064-500-000-043-00	$268.45
FORD, MICHELE	052-520-000-450-00	$298.98
FRANCISCAN FRIARY	040-45-765-14-001-00	$444.81
FRANKLIN CREDIT MANAGEMENT CO	040-41-008-04-095-00	$1133.57
FREEMAN, RICHARD A	062-033-015-080-00	$655.51
FRENCH, SALLY J	010-14-801-00-248-00	$224.72
GAERTNER, KIMBERLY	040-45-340-00-014-00	$642.29
GAERTNER, KIMERLY	040-45-340-00-014-00	$642.29
GAERTNER, RICK A	040-45-340-00-014-00	$642.29
GASSER, DELMAR E	040-45-770-00-018-00	$903.41
GAY, CATHERINE E	070-200-026-002-00	$3246.82
GAY, JOHN L	070-200-026-002-00	$3246.82
GILDNER, SHERYL C	070-007-009-009-00	$943.18
GINGERICK, GEORGE	070-182-002-001-00	$2223.95
GLEN , KIMBALL	032-103-000-246-00	$369.81
GOUPIL, WILLIAM	020-100-000-294-00	$357.85
GOUPIL, WILLIAM	020-100-000-295-00	$357.85
GOUPIL, WILLIAM	032-103-000-296-00	$353.05
GRAYLING STATE BANK	040-45-340-00-014-00	$642.29
GREBEN, EDMUND J	040-40-031-13-200-00	$1259.63
GREBEN, LILLIAN V	040-40-031-13-200-00	$1259.63
GREBEN, MRS EDMUND	040-40-031-13-200-00	$1259.63
GREEN TREE ACCEPTANCE CORP	020-034-001-020-01	$1863.57
GREEN TREE ACCEPTANCE CORP	040-40-003-06-080-00	$927.61
GREEN TREE ACCEPTANCE CORP	040-43-034-08-020-01	$789.57
GREEN TREE ACCEPTANCE CORP	040-45-340-00-014-00	$642.29
GREEN TREE ACCEPTANCE CORP	050-019-015-060-00	$1013.62
GREEN TREE FINANCIAL	040-40-003-06-080-00	$927.61
GREEN TREE FINANCIAL CORP	040-43-034-08-020-01	$789.57
GREEN TREE FINANCIAL SERVICE	040-45-340-00-014-00	$642.29
GREEN TREE FINANCIAL GROUP	020-034-001-020-01	$1863.57
GREEN TREE FINANCIAL SERVICES	050-019-015-060-00	$1013.62
GREGGS, JANET	020-100-000-343-00	$271.52
GREGGS, THOMAS S	020-100-000-343-00	$271.52
GRIMM, BRUCE K	062-032-010-041-00	$223.84
GRIMM, DELBERTA G	062-032-010-041-00	$223.84
GUEDRY, CYNTHIA M	040-43-033-07-020-00	$598.99
GUEDRY, ESTATE OF HAROLD M	040-43-033-07-020-00	$598.99
GUEDRY, HAROLD M	040-43-033-07-020-00	$598.99
HALSTEAD, KENNETH	030-011-001-109-00	$491.43
HAMILTON, BERNARD L	031-001-001-011-00	$500.67
HAMILTON, BERNARD L	040-40-019-03-006-00	$428.20
HAMILTON, DONALD W	032-350-000-003-00	$613.72
HAMILTON, DONALD W	032-350-000-004-00	$546.19
HAMILTON, EMMA JEAN	032-350-000-003-00	$613.72
HAMILTON, EMMA JEAN	032-350-000-004-00	$546.19
HAMILTON, PHYLLIS J	031-001-001-011-00	$500.67
HAMILTON, PHYLLIS J	040-40-019-03-006-00	$428.20
HANSON, PATRICIA L	040-42-013-02-300-00	$535.33
HANSON, SCOTT M	040-42-013-02-300-00	$535.33
HARDING, CAROLINE M	070-100-019-011-00	$1922.33
HARGRAVES, JAMES A	062-007-016-040-00	$302.35
HARGRAVES, JAMES A	062-007-016-100-00	$302.35
HARRELL, CAMILLE A	010-14-151-00-088-00	$230.61
HARRELL, JOEY A	010-14-151-00-088-00	$230.61
HAWKINS, HAROLD V	020-027-011-020-00	$980.09
HAWKINS, MARION M	020-027-011-020-00	$980.09
HAWKINS, MRS HAROLD V	020-027-011-020-00	$980.09
HENNING, FAY	020-075-000-191-00	$357.85
HENNING, MICHAEL	020-075-000-191-00	$357.85
HOAG, LISA M	062-027-001-020-03	$995.92
HOME GOLD	040-41-008-04-095-00	$1133.57
HOME IMPROVEMENT ACCEPTANCE CORP	010-11-022-14-037-00	$272.70
HOWE, ROBERT JR L	064-500-000-011-00	$307.14
HOWE, TAMMY S	064-500-000-011-00	$307.14
INMAN, DONALD J	010-14-801-00-264-00	$809.04
INMAN, MRS DONALD J	010-14-801-00-264-00	$809.04
INMAN, ROSE M	010-14-801-00-264-00	$809.04
INVESTOR SERVICING CORP	062-032-010-190-00	$587.86

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JUNTTILA, JOHN D	040-40-019-03-006-00	$428.20
JUNTTILA, DAWN M	040-40-019-03-006-00	$428.20
JUNTTILA, DAWN M	040-40-019-03-006-00	$428.20
JUNTTILA, JOHN D	040-40-019-03-006-00	$428.20
KELLOGG, ESTATE OF HARRY J	061-022-011-020-00	$254.99
KELLOGG, HARRY J	061-022-011-020-00	$254.99
KELLOGG, JULIA A	061-022-011-020-00	$254.99
KEMPER, MARJORIE A	032-240-000-053-00	$912.92
KEMPER, RON	032-240-000-053-00	$912.92
KIBAT, RUSSELL	031-001-001-011-00	$500.67
KIMBALL, GLEN	032-103-000-246-00	$369.81
KOBEL, HENRY W	064-500-000-043-00	$268.45
KOBEL, HOWARD S	064-500-000-043-00	$268.45
KOCH, VIVIAN	070-182-002-001-00	$2223.95
KOGELMAN, CYNTHIA S	030-002-006-120-00	$1442.58
KOGELMAN, RANDAL F	030-002-006-120-00	$1442.58
KOGELMAN, RANDALL F	030-002-006-120-00	$1442.58
KUCHENMEISTER, BARBARA	040-41-015-06-160-00	$791.55
KUCHENMEISTER, WAYNE	040-41-015-06-160-00	$791.55
KUK, AUDREY J	050-020-005-080-00	$970.77
KYTE, DAVID J	032-102-000-119-00	$290.21
KYTE, LOIS J	032-102-000-119-00	$290.21
LASHLEY, GREGORY L	010-11-022-14-037-00	$272.70
LASHLEY, KRISTI	010-11-022-14-037-00	$272.70
LASLO, JAMES W	040-42-013-02-300-00	$535.33
LEMONS, SCOTT	010-14-802-00-468-00	$233.43
LEVINSON, RALPH W	020-034-001-045-00	$341.05
LEVRAU / RALPH W LEVINSON PR ESTATE OF CONSTANCE H	020-034-001-045-00	$341.05
LEWIS, MARGARET M	020-003-008-030-00	$461.24
MALINOWSKI, EDWARD JR A	070-182-002-001-00	$2223.95
MANUFACTURERS & TRADERS TRUST CO	070-200-026-002-00	$3246.82
MANYEN, TERI LYNN	020-100-000-343-00	$271.52
MARINORICH, THERESA	040-45-340-00-014-00	$642.29
MARINORICH, WILLIAM	040-45-340-00-014-00	$642.29
MARKS, LAWANA J	040-40-022-02-060-00	$546.34
MARKS, PAUL M	070-183-003-011-00	$15978.34
MARKS, ROBERT JR E	040-40-022-02-060-00	$546.34
MAY, ERNEST S	010-11-027-15-040-00	$500.50
MBC ASSOCIATES	040-45-340-00-021-00	$501.08
MCCANN, JOHN P	064-400-000-531-00	$351.21
MCCANN, RUTH I	064-400-000-531-00	$351.21
MCCLAIN, RONALD	040-40-031-13-200-00	$1259.63
MCCLAIN, RONALD	040-43-033-07-020-00	$598.99
MCNALLY, TINA	064-400-000-739-00	$405.02
MCNALLY, WILLIAM R	064-400-000-739-00	$405.02
MCNAMAR, KIM A	040-41-008-04-095-00	$1133.57
MCNAMAR, PAUL W	040-41-008-04-095-00	$1133.57
MEREDITH, DEANE W	040-45-764-01-007-00	$331.22
MEREDITH, MILDRED L	040-45-764-01-007-00	$331.22
MEYER, SANDY L	064-400-000-202-00	$217.02
MICHIGAN DEPT OF SOCIAL SERVICES	050-019-003-080-00	$504.40
MOGGO, DOUGLAS	040-40-003-06-080-00	$927.61
MOGGO, PAULINE	040-40-003-06-080-00	$927.61
MOON, JACQUELINE L	061-032-012-050-00	$948.96
MOORE, MARTHA L	020-003-008-025-00	$333.20
MOORE, MARTHA L	020-003-008-030-00	$461.24
MOORE, RUSSELL L	020-003-008-025-00	$333.20
MOORE, RUSSELL L	020-003-008-030-00	$461.24
MORRISON, CLARA	063-009-016-100-00	$303.71
MORRISON, SUZANNE	063-009-016-100-00	$303.71
MR HOSPITALITY INC	070-183-003-011-00	$15978.34
N W SAVINGS BANK & TRUST	064-400-000-739-00	$405.02
NELSON, A J	070-100-019-011-00	$1922.33
NELSON, BARBARA J	070-100-019-011-00	$1922.33
NORTH CENTRAL AREA FEDERAL CU	062-033-012-100-00	$1621.14
OLSON, BEATRICE	040-42-015-13-160-00	$894.75
O'PARKA, DUANE	032-350-000-003-00	$613.72
O'PARKA, DUANE	032-350-000-004-00	$546.19
O'PARKA, SHERRIE	032-350-000-003-00	$613.72
O'PARKA, SHERRIE	032-350-000-004-00	$546.19
OREGON LAND CO INC	032-103-000-246-00	$369.81
PALMER, MARIE SEARS	070-100-019-011-00	$1922.33
PARKER, JEANETTE	052-600-000-014-00	$370.64
PARKER, JOHN M	052-600-000-014-00	$370.64
PAULY, LINDA A	040-40-031-13-200-00	$1259.63
PAVEY, DORIS L	020-003-008-030-00	$461.24
PEARSON , LOUIS N	020-021-015-020-01	$413.78
PEARSON, ELIZABETH	020-021-015-020-01	$413.78
PEARSON, URSELL	020-021-015-020-01	$413.78
PEER, DANIEL D	063-011-013-275-00	$344.60
PEER, GEORGE W	063-011-013-275-00	$344.60
PELLEGRINI, KITTY	064-680-000-024-00	$1785.97
PELLEGRINI, KITTY J	064-680-000-023-00	$428.55
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PELTON, LINDA	020-034-001-020-01	$1863.57
PELTON, LINDA	020-034-001-045-00	$341.05
PELTON, MRS GEORGE	020-034-001-020-01	$1863.57
PERRY, KAREN E	020-016-005-070-00	$474.63
PERRY, WILLIAM D	020-016-005-070-00	$474.63
PERSSON, RONALD B	064-400-000-765-00	$273.28
PETERS, WILLIAM D	040-44-031-07-060-00	$532.32
PETRELLA, BERNADETTE	050-028-001-340-00	$280.09
PRINCE, FELIX F	062-032-010-190-00	$587.86
PRINCE, PATRICIA G	062-032-010-190-00	$587.86
PROVIDENT BANK	061-035-015-180-00	$1184.96
REAL PROPERTIES LTD	020-075-000-090-00	$339.91
REYNOLDS, ROSEMARY L	040-42-013-02-300-00	$535.33
RINAS, MARJORIE A	070-100-019-011-00	$1922.33
ROOT, MARILYN	040-42-015-13-160-00	$894.75
ROTH, BLUME	020-075-000-090-00	$339.91

Name	Parcel #	Amount
ROWE, WAYNE	010-14-800-00-184-00	$241.03
SANCRANT, JANET	064-400-000-022-00	$249.80
SANCRANT, JANET L	064-400-000-021-00	$249.80
SANCRANT, TIMOTHY J	064-400-000-021-00	$249.80
SANCRANT, TIMOTHY J	064-400-000-022-00	$249.80
SANDERS, FLORENCE E	070-183-003-011-00	$15978.34
SANDERS, RAPLH E	070-183-003-011-00	$15978.34
SAUTER, DARREL M	040-45-283-00-153-00	$239.73
SAUTER, DARRELL	040-45-282-00-073-00	$242.99
SCHMIDT, ART	010-14-801-00-282-00	$287.07
SCHMIDT, ART	010-14-801-00-284-00	$288.14
SCHMIDT, ART	010-14-801-00-286-00	$288.14
SCHMIDT, DAWN	010-14-801-00-282-00	$287.07
SCHMIDT, DAWN	010-14-801-00-284-00	$288.14
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SCHRADER, WILLIAM A	050-030-005-021-90	$862.64
SCHUSTER, CATHERINE	070-007-009-009-00	$943.18
SCHUSTER, SHERYL	070-007-009-009-00	$943.18
SHAKTI HOTEL MOTEL CORP	070-183-003-011-00	$15978.34
SHILLIDAY, JOHN	010-11-027-15-040-00	$500.50
SHILLIDAY, LENA	010-11-027-15-040-00	$500.50
SHOCK, DOREEN	052-520-000-350-00	$283.64
SHOCK, DOREEN	052-520-000-351-00	$287.59
SHOCK, SHAWN	052-520-000-350-00	$283.64
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SIELER, LELAND	010-14-801-00-284-00	$288.14
SIELER, SUSAN	010-14-801-00-284-00	$288.14
SMITH , DOUGLAS D	062-033-012-100-00	$1621.14
SMITH, DANIEL M	062-027-001-020-03	$995.92
SMITH, GILBERT	040-40-015-01-006-00	$361.50
SOMMERS, BRUCE	010-14-801-00-282-00	$287.07
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SOROKI, JOHN	020-075-000-090-00	$339.91
STALEY, CHARLES P	031-001-001-011-00	$500.67
STEMKOWSKI , THERESA	051-024-010-020-04	$425.04
Stephens, Thomas	050-019-001-480-00	$613.21
STILNER, ALPHA J	064-400-000-765-00	$273.28
STOCKMEYER, RICHARD	064-160-000-013-00	$1025.62
STOCKMEYER, RICHARD	064-160-000-014-00	$248.63
STOCKMEYER, SHAWNA L	064-160-000-013-00	$1025.62
STOCKMEYER, SHAWNA L	064-160-000-014-00	$248.63
SULKOWSKI, DELORES C	064-400-000-674-00	$289.61
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TARNE, JAMES	010-14-401-00-328-00	$224.75
TARNE, JAMES	010-14-402-00-379-00	$233.69
TARNE, SUZANNE	010-14-401-00-328-00	$224.75
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THERRIEN, TRACIE VIOLET	010-14-400-00-165-00	$3812.70
THOMAS, KAREN R	070-100-019-011-00	$1922.33
THOMAS, REX H	070-100-019-011-00	$1922.33
TROTT AND TROTT P.C. FILE	200022544 070-200-026-002-00	$3246.82
TWIN PEAKS DEV INC	032-102-000-119-00	$290.21
TWIN PEAKS DEV INC	032-102-000-215-00	$279.02
TWIN PEAKS DEV INC	032-102-000-216-00	$279.02
TWIN PEAKS JOINT VENTURE	020-075-000-090-00	$339.91
TWOREK, ESTATE OF MARY	040-43-033-07-020-00	$598.99
TWOREK, MARY	040-43-033-07-020-00	$598.99
TWOREK, STEPHEN	040-43-033-07-020-00	$598.99
USDA / FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION	040-42-013-02-300-00	$535.33
USDA / FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION	040-45-770-00-018-00	$903.41
VENIER, ANN C	040-45-340-00-021-00	$501.08
VENIER, DAVID G	040-45-340-00-021-00	$501.08
VINEYARD, ROBERT	064-400-000-531-00	$351.21
VSOSKE, JANICE	030-027-010-040-00	$452.17
VSOSKE, KAY	030-027-010-040-00	$452.17
WALLACE, DALLAS D	061-035-015-180-00	$1184.96
WALLACE, GLORIA G	061-035-015-180-00	$1184.96
WARBLERS HIDEAWAY ASSOC	010-14-402-00-379-00	$233.69
WARBLERS HIDEAWAY ASSOC	010-14-801-00-248-00	$224.72
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WARBLERS HIDEAWAY ASSOC	010-14-801-00-284-00	$288.14
WARBLERS HIDEAWAY ASSOC	010-14-801-00-286-00	$288.14
WATSON, CARRIE G	020-100-000-344-00	$223.36
WILLIAMS, RALPH	020-003-008-025-00	$333.20
WILLIAMS, RALPH	020-003-008-030-00	$461.24
WIRTZ, SUZANNE V	010-14-402-00-379-00	$233.69
ZIRKLE, STEVEN H	050-019-003-080-00	$504.40

No party should make any attempt to inspect or enter upon these parcels assuming them to be for sale. This may constitute trespassing and subject the offender to criminal prosecution. The street address of the parcels listed is based on local records and is not guaranteed to be the actual location of the property.

020-034-001-020-01 2227 W CO RD 612 GRAYLING
020-034-001-045-00 CO RD 612 GRAYLING
030-002-006-120-00 MAY LAKE RD
030-011-001-109-00 4948 COX DR
032-240-000-053-00 7239 KENT ST Frederic
040-40-003-06-080-00 3014 E NORTH DOWN RIVER RD GRAYLING
040-40-015-01-006-00 GRAYLING
040-40-019-03-006-00 GRAYLING
040-40-022-02-060-00 GRAYLING
040-40-031-13-200-00 GRAYLING
040-41-008-04-095-00 4172 E BEAVER ISLAND RD GRAYLING
040-41-015-06-160-00 GRAYLING
040-41-024-13-050-00 GRAYLING
040-42-013-02-300-00 6304 OLD LAKE RD GRAYLING
040-42-015-13-160-00 8014 MARGRETHE BLVD GRAYLING
040-43-033-07-020-00 GRAYLING
040-43-033-13-080-00 GRAYLING
040-43-034-08-020-01 656 SIGSBEE RD GRAYLING
040-44-031-07-060-00 GRAYLING
040-45-282-00-073-00 STUART PL GRAYLING
040-45-283-00-153-00 CRESTWOOD DR GRAYLING
040-45-340-00-014-00 3603 WINTERGREEN LN GRAYLING
040-45-340-00-021-00 W JONES LAKE RD GRAYLING
040-45-764-01-007-00 ROMANY AVE GRAYLING
040-45-765-14-001-00 MY OWN AVE GRAYLING
040-45-770-00-018-00 348 RED TAILED HAWK LP GRAYLING
050-019-003-080-00 5362 W MILLIKIN LN ROSCOMMON
050-019-015-060-00 5438 W FLETCHER RD ROSCOMMMON
051-024-010-020-04 GRAYLING
061-032-012-050-00 7301 SILSBY DR
061-035-015-180-00 10711 SILSBY ROSCOMMON
062-027-001-020-03 10192 LELINE RD
062-032-010-190-00 1239 E PINE DR
064-160-000-013-00 106 HILLTOP DR
064-160-000-014-00 106 HILLTOP DR
064-400-000-739-00 339 APACHE TRAIL
064-500-000-011-00 11883 E ROBERTA DR
064-680-000-023-00 11313 RED PINE DR
064-680-000-024-00 11313 RED PINE DR
070-100-019-011-00 200 PENINSULAR AVE GRAYLING
070-182-002-001-00 901 MICHIGAN AVE GRAYLING
070-183-003-011-00 I-75 SO BUS. LOOP GRAYLING
070-200-026-002-00 902 PARK GRAYLING

LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATOIN OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Brian Starks and Joyce E. Starks, husband and wife of Crawford County, Michigan, Mortgagor to The Administrator of the Small Business Administration dated the 29th day of June, A.D. 1990, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan on the 21st day of September A.D. 1990, in Liber 316 of Crawford Records, on page 28, which said mortgage was thereafter on, to-wit the 25th day of October, A.D. 2001, assigned to Aurora Loan Services, Inc., thru mesne assignments and recorded on November 6, 2001 in the office of Register of Deeds in Liber 559 for said County of Crawford Records, on page 135 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of $27,863.78 (twenty-seven thousand eight hundred sixty-three dollars and seventy-eight cents) including interest there on at 4.00% (four point zero zero) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage of any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 16th day of January A.D. 2002 at 10:00 a.m. o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the county building, in Grayling, Michigan, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain place of land situate in the Township of Grayling, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit:

Lot 123, Grayling Mobile Estates No. 4, as recorded in Liber 3, Page 36 of Plats, Crawford County Records.

Tax ID: 20-040-45-283-00-123-00

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 31, 2001

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.
By: Daniel E. Best (P-58501)
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis CO., L.P.A.
755 W. Big Beaver Rd. Ste. 310
Troy, MI 48084

-13-20-27-3-10

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

Estate of Phyllis A. Scheer, Deceased, date of birth, 01-22-1925

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Phyllis A. Scheer, Deceased, who lived at 10374 Old Trail Road, Grayling, Michigan died August 8, 2001.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Bradley C. Scheer, Trustee of the Phyllis A. Scheer Trust, named personal representative or proposed persona representative, or to both the probate court a Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue Grayling, Michigan 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Currie Kendall Polasky Meisel PLC
Michael H. Allen P27440
4800 Fashion Square Blvd., Ste. 100
Saginaw, Michigan 48604
(989) 792-1111

Bradley C. Scheer, Trustee of the Phyllis A. Scheer Trust
c/o Scheer Motors, P.O. Box 568
Grayling, Michigan 49738
(989)348-5451

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BOWLING LEAGUE

National First

Hart Pontiac-Gmc	62 -22
Denholm Chiropractic	58 -26
Faustman's Insurance	47 -37
Hellebuyck Masonry	38 -46
Northern White Tail	36 -48
AuSable Construction	33 -51
Legion Lanes	32 -52
Miller's Production	30 -54

High Game: J. Helsel, 247; T. Kotrash, 226; J. Arwood, 223.
High Series: J. Helsel, 644; D. Canfield Sr., 602; T. Kotrash, 600.

Seniors

Grayling Pharmacy	34 - 22
Cornell Insurance	33½ 22½
Buccillis Pizza	31½-24½
Sylvesters Sports	29-27
Flowers by Josie	29 -27
Baynham Wood Products	25 -31
Spikes Keg O'Nails	24 -32
Halls Snow Removal	18 -38

High Game Men: L. Essiambre, 216; K. Harris, 201; E. Dykstra, 189.
High Series Men: L. Essiambre, 589; G. Wolfe, 509; K. Harris, 503.
High Game Women: D. Hall, 212; D. Hollis, 183; N. Glasslee, 172.
High Series Women: N. Glasslee, 474; D. Hollis, 467; D. Hall, 465.

Northwood

Plaza Bar	38 -18
Riverland	34 -22
North Michigan Financial	31-25
Hart Pontiac-GMC	31-25
R. Calkins and Sons	27-29
Corky's Karaoke	23-33
R & M Masonry	22- 34
Hometown	18- 38

High Game: D. Calkins, 207; L. Dannenberg, 203; M. Starks, 201.
High Series: M. Starks, 584; L. Dannenberg, 542; D. Calkins, 541.

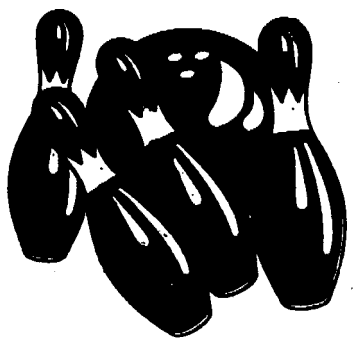
Sunday Nite Mixed

Helsel Brother's	71 -27
R & M Masonry	60 -38
Wakeley's Auto Parts	52 -46
Waste Management	47 -51
Jack's	46 -52
McDonald's	42 -56
Moshier Auto Parts	38 -60
Custom Interior	36 -62

Men's High Game: J. Helsel, 265; D. Canfield Sr., 220; J. Robideau, 216.
Men's High Series: J. Helsel, 704; D. Canfield Sr., 601; R. Marwede, 585.
Women's High Game: S. Romain, 241; K. Moshier, 212; T. Day 201.
Women's High Series: S. Romain, 585; K. Moshier, 563; M. Starks, 531.

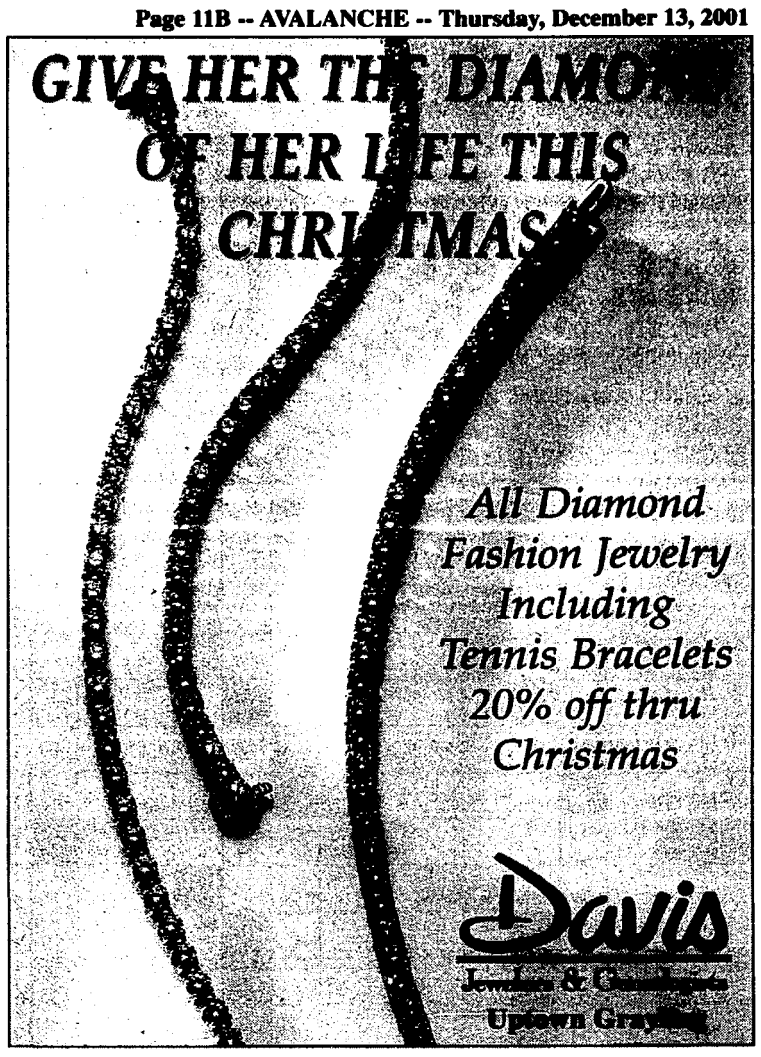
Pioneer

Custom Interior	32 -20
Aunt Betty's	32-20



Rochette's	29 -23
Chemical Bank	29 -23
Millikin's	27 -25
McDonald's of Grayling	23 -29
Avalanche	19 -33
South Side River Rats	17 -35

High Game: D. Calkins, 213; S. Johnson, 202; T. Hellebuyck, 201.
High Series: J. Hinds, 562; S. Johnson, 532; C. Jones, 515.



POOL LEAGUE

Women's Standings

Sawmill II	104
Swamp II	94
Spikes	93
Legion	88
Frederic Inn	87
Plaza	75
Holiday Inn	73
Sawmill I	58

5 Ball Run: Sandy, Sawmill II; Jeanne, Sawmill I; Siss, Frederic Inn.
6 Ball Run: Lanette and Dee, Spikes; Kim, Holiday Inn.
Won All Games Played: Cat and Lanette, Spikes.
Error from last week - Cookie (Legion) had her 8 ball run on the break!

LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Gary Sheldon, a single man of Crawford County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Empire National Bank, now known as The Huntington National Bank dated the 24th day of March, A.D. 2000, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 10th day of April, A.D. 2000, in Liber 505 of Crawford Records, on page 111, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of $25,306.99 (twenty-five thousand three hundred six dollars and ninety-nine cents) including interest there on at 10.25% (ten point two five) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statue of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 19th day of December, A.D., 2001, at 10:00 a.m. o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder in Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece of land situate in the Township of Grayling, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit:

PARCEL 7: Part of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 21, Town 27 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point located distant South 01 degrees 13 minutes West, along the North & South 1/4 line of said Section 21 a distance of 2650.77 feet and North 89 degrees 44 minutes West, 1303.59 feet and North 01 degrees 06 minutes 35 seconds East, 275.00 feet from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 21, thence continuing North 01 degrees 06 minutes 35 seconds East, 444.19 feet, thence North 74 degrees 15 minutes 11 seconds East, 116.15 feet, thence South 49 degrees 35 minutes 56 seconds East, 250.28 feet, thence South 39 degrees 08 minutes 34 seconds east, 236.72 feet, thence South 74 degrees 15 minutes 11 seconds West, 478.39 feet to the Point of Beginning. ALSO subject to and with right of Ingress and egress over 66 feet wide easement described as follows: A 66 foot wide easement for ingress and egress and public utilities over part of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 21, Town 27 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan. Centerline of said easement described as beginning at a point on the North & South 1/8 line of said Northwest 1/4 of Section 21 located distant North 88 degrees 06 minutes 10 seconds West along the North line of Section 21 a distance of 1308.72 feet and along said 1/8 line South 01 degree 06 minutes 35 seconds West 1020.29 feet from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 21, thence South 24 degrees 35 minutes East, 182.31 feet, thence South 53 degrees 36 minutes East. 224.15 feet to Point "A", thence South 62 degrees 30 minutes East, 98.45 feet, thence South 85 degrees 15 minutes East, 347.41 feet, thence South 73 degrees 51 minutes 37 seconds East, 152.51 feet, thence South 35 degrees 21 minutes 57 seconds East, 252.42 feet, thence South 03 degrees 50 minutes 04 seconds West, 232.80 feet, thence South 06 degrees 27 minutes 43 seconds East 271.75 feet, thence South 33 degrees 21 minutes 48 seconds West, 256.12 feet, thence South 62 degrees 12 minutes 23 seconds West, 203.84 feet., thence North 60 degrees 44 minutes 10 seconds West, 227.15 feet, thence North 39 degrees 08 minutes 34 seconds West, 331.72 feet,thence North 49 degrees 35 minutes 56 seconds West, 250.28 feet, thence North 11 degrees 20 minutes West, 348.58 feet, thence North 40 degrees 09 minutes East, 362.86 feet to the Point of Ending at former mentioned Point "A".

Tax ID: 20-040-44-021-05-020-07

The redemption period shall be one year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 15, 2001
WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO. L.P.A.
By: Daniel E. Best (P-58501)
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
755 W. Big Beaver Rd., STE. 310
Troy, MI 48084

-15-22-29-6-13

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

DEFAULT has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert Wakeley and Marjorie Wakeley, husband and wife, to Option One Mortgage Corp., a California Corporation, mortgagee, dated June 25, 2001 and recorded July 3, 2001 in Liber 540, Page 274-283, Crawford County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota FKA Norwest Bank Minnesota by assignment dated October 22, 2001 and submitted to and recorded by Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Sixty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Six and 58/100 Dollars ($63,936.58) including interest at the rate of 10.65% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front foor of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on Jaunary 9, 2002.

The premises are located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 7, Block 20, of ROFEE's ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: November 29, 2001
ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota FKA Norwest Bank Minnesota,
As Assignee
2501 Rochester Court
Troy, MI 48083
(248)457-1000
File No. 221.0282

-29-6-13-20-27

TO: PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN 300 FEET
RE: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing of the Crawford County Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, December 20, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. in the Circuit Courtroom of the County Building.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear comments on:

Case #Z210-01 Request to put an 428 sq. foot addition on house.

Petitioner: John & Jane Haggerty
655 Pilgrim Ave.
Birmingham, MI 48009

The above case refers to the following described property:
7081 Hillbilly Trail
Grayling, MI 49738

PART OF THE NW/4 OF THE NW/4, SEC 20, T26N, R1W, SOUTH BRANCH TWSP. CRAWFORD COUNTY, MI. COM AT THE NE COR OF THE NW/4 OF THE NW/4 OF SD.

Property Code: 20-063-020-006-040-00
Zoning District: RD-R

All documents are available for review at, and comments should be sent to:
Crawford County Building & Zoning Department
200 W. Michigan Ave. - Annex Building
Grayling, MI 49738

Joseph Duran - Director

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Lovells Township Comprehensive Plan
7:00 P.M. Thursday, December 20, 2001
Lovells Township Hall
8405 Twin Bridge Road

A public hearing of the Lovells Township Zoning Board has been scheduled for 7:00 P.M. Thursday, December 20, 2001 at the Lovells Township Hall. The purpose of the public hearing is to accept comments on the draft Lovells Township Comprehensive Plan.

All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and comment on the Comprehensive Plan and accompanying Future Land Use Map, which are available for inspection by contacting the township office at (989) 348-9215. The township office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Written comments may be addressed to Dale Gauthier, Jr., Lovells Township Zoning Administrator, 8405 Twin Bridge Road, Grayling, MI 49738 and should be received prior to the public hearing.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Northeast Michigan Consortium is requesting proposals to operate adult education Partnership for Adult Learning (PAL) programs and activities. The purpose is to provide accelerated learning opportunities for eligible students in the areas of GED preparation, basic literacy skills, and high school completion. Funds totaling $39,923.00 are provided through Section 108 of the State School Aid Act.

Programs are to be conducted within the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego, and Presque Isle. However, bidders need not provide services to the entire area, and may target to local or regional areas at their discretion. Eligible applicants include a local educational agency or district; a public school academy; an intermediate district; a community college or university; literacy organizations and libraries; other community-based public or private nonprofit agencies, authorities, or for-profit companies or organizations which have the capacity to deliver services, or a consortium of the above.

Proposals will be reviewed according to narrative description, demonstrated experience and effectiveness, organizational qualification, timeline and deliverables, and budget considerations. It is anticipated that programs and services will begin in January 2002.

Proposals are due in the central administration offices of the Northeast Michigan Consortium at 3:30 p.m., Friday, January 11, 2002. Late bids will not be considered.

A Bidders Conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 17, 2001, at Northeast Michigan Consortium, 20709 State Street, Onaway, Michigan. The application package will be available at that time. Entities wishing to bid, but not attending the bidder's conference may call the Consortium office after 1:00 p.m. on December 17, 2001, to request a mailed copy.

Michigan Works! is an equal opportunity program/employer. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the information contained in this proposal will be made available in alternative format (large type, audio tape,etc.) upon special request. Michigan Relay Center 1-800-649-3777 (Voice and TDD).

NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT
USDA - Forest Service
Huron - Manistee National Forests
Mio Ranger District
Crawford County, Michigan
Harbor Dune Project

The Mio Ranger District is proposing to implement the Harbor Dune Project. This includes the following actions: 1) thinning approximately 613 acres of mixed oak, 2) creation of an oak savannah (approximately 10 acres), 3) regenerating approximately 251 acres of mixed oak by shelterwood, 4) regenerating approximately 6 acres of mixed oak by clearcutting, 5) underplanting approximately 735 acres of mixed oak with red and white pine, 6) prescribed burning approximately 257 acres of site preparation, 7) constructing approximately 2.0 miles of temporary road, and 8) closing approximately 6.5 miles of Forest System Roads not needed for management or public access.

The 30-day comment period provides the final opportunity for public review of these proposed actions and the environmental analysis. Comments must be received or post marked within 30 days of the date that this notice is published in the Oscoda County Herald; however, when the comment period ends on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, the comment period is extended to the close of business of the next Federal working day. Please include (1) name, address, telephone number, the name of the organization or persons represented and title, (2) title of the document on which the comment is being submitted, and (3) specific facts and supporting reasons that you believe we should consider in reaching a final decision.

Your comments will be considered by District Ranger, Loren B. Ford in reaching a final decision. Comments are to be submitted to Mr. Ford at the Mio Ranger Station, 401 N. Court Street, Mio, MI 48647. For further information or questions we may be reached by phone at (989) 826-3252. Comments received in response to this solicitation will become a matter of public record. In order to have standing to appeal this decision under 36 CFR 215, you must have submitted comments or otherwise expressed interest in this proposal prior to the close of the comment period.

Copies of the Decision Notice will be sent to people who submit comments or who request copies during or before the comment period.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Surplus Equipment Sale

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 9:30 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, December 20, 2001, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-00648, for the sale of the following surplus equipment (to be sold as is):

1 each - Unit #4, 1992 1/2 ton Chevrolet Pickup with Diesel Engine, Minimum bid of $500.00.

1 each - Unit #22, 1989 Ford F-350 flat bed pickup with Gas Engine, Minimum bid of $500.00.

1 each - Unit #106, Year unknown, Marquette V-Plow, fits a Husting style hitch.
Minimum bid (none)

1 each - Unit #144, 1959 Yeager, one-way plow (right side delivery), fits a Husting style hitch. Minimum bid (none)

1 each - Unit #147, 1959 Yeager, one-way plow (right side delivery), fits a Husting Style hitch. Minimum bid (none)

1 each - Unit #009, 1967 Trailmobile Tanker, 6200 gallon aluminum, tandem running gear.
Minimum bid (none)

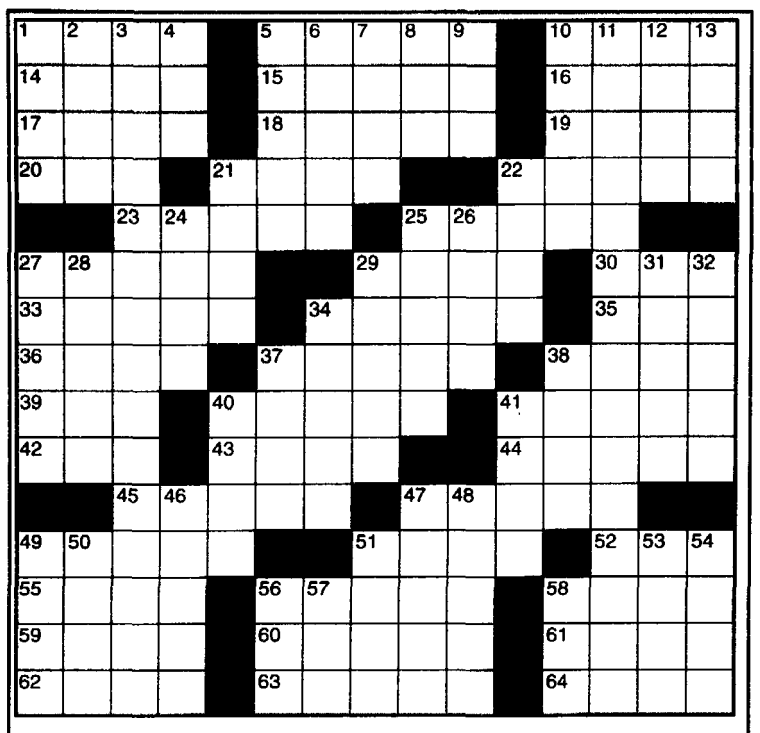
1 each - Unit #90, 1988 Sweepster Broom, PTO driven, 3-point hitch mount.
Minimum bid ($300.00)

Bids are to be submitted to the Crawford County Road Commission on a **"Surplus Equipment Bid Sheet"** which are available upon request at the Road Commission office. Submit bids in a sealed envelope that is clearly marked with the words: **"Surplus Equipment Bid"**. The Crawford County Road Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities in the bid, to waive details in the specifications and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners
Thomas Perry, Chairman
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman
Kenneth Riehle, Commissioner

FEATURES

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Form an opinion
5. Pine
10. BYU's state
14. French pronoun
15. Believe it ____ !
16. "Shalt" preceder
17. In the middle of
18. Type of door or treat
19. Spice
20. 12: abbr.
21. ____ le Pew
22. Hereditary factors
23. Past adolescence
25. Peculiarity
27. Nail-biting, e.g.
29. Useless bustle
30. ____ Lanka
33. Put up a monument
34. Sound Bo Peep longed to hear
35. Chew the fat
36. Small amount
37. Tsuris
38. Tops
39. Cooper's wood
40. Unfamiliar
41. HBO offering
42. Butterfly snatcher
43. Toupees, slangily
44. Marriage
45. April sign
47. Pretend
49. Ululated
51. Actress Jane
52. "I ____ Rhythm"
55. Singer Logan
56. Pleasant door
58. Brim
59. Food for pigs
60. Pulls
61. Alert
62. Knighting results
63. Soil turner
64. "Brown-____ Girl" (Van Morrison song)

DOWN

1. Expired
2. "Sesame Street" character
3. Child star born 2/27/32
4. Between sm. and lg.
5. Sing without words
6. Blow, à la Etna
7. Stake
8. Legendary avian
9. Extreme degree
10. Absolute
11. Fourth Thursday in November
12. Excellent
13. Embraces
21. Kin of chip or drive
22. Heart of the matter
24. Recipe verb
25. Elizabeth, for one
26. Gp. with the right stuff
27. Cartoon hero
28. Revolt
29. Aviates
31. Transceiver
32. *Rosmersholm* playwright
34. Ships' prisons
37. Sticky stuff
38. "____ Tall Sally"
40. Dehydrated
41. Actress Esther
46. Receives the benefits
47. Illustrious
48. Use artgum
49. Woman on Catfish Row
50. ____ *Desire* (Stanwyck film)
51. Teetotaler's bar order
53. Fairy tale monster
54. Incline
56. Cries of delight
57. Kind of session
58. Sheep mother

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST
FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago
December 14, 1978

Colonel E. A. Rutkowski, Post Commander at Camp Grayling, will retire on 16 December 1978 after completing over 33 years of military service. He has been Camp Commander here in Grayling since 1967.

Colonel J. R. Lippert, a 33 year U.S. Army and Michigan National Guard veteran will assume command of Camp Grayling upon Colonel Rutkowski's retirement.

Mercy Hospital Officials reported today that its $8 million dollar new construction and renovation project is presently "right on schedule." Area residents passing by will note that the facility is rapidly taking on a new appearance.

Closing in of the structure, according to hospital sources should begin this week as metal studs and framework are welded into place on plates molded into the concrete. Sheeting will soon follow and the huge addition will then take on the appearance of a new building.

46 Years Ago
December 15, 1955

Russell Carlson, president of the Grayling Winter Sports Park, Inc., announced today that the ski tows at the winter playground would be in operation this week providing the weather was right and the attendance warranted it.

Colder weather is needed now, he added, to get the toboggan slides and skating rink in condition for use. Plans now call for the park to be in full operation between Christmas and New Year's, Carlson said. Don Feldhauser is the park manager this year.

69 Years Ago
December 15, 1932

It has been many years since this region has had quite as much snow and low temperature weather as we are having at this time. Temperatures have gone well below zero most nights and there were a couple of days when it continued steadily below zero. Along with low temperature, we have had plenty of snow. The precipitation hasn't been heavy, but it has continued almost constantly for several days. The snow is light and fluffy and the winds carry it in all directions. It is estimated that we have about a foot of snow. The lowest temperature reported is 9 degrees below zero, and occurred Friday, December 9th, according to the records obtained at the Fish Hatchery and from George Schiable, official weather man at the Military reservation. Lottery convictions throughout the country remind the reader that there was time when games of chance of that kind were regarded as lawful government agencies. The government lottery has not been entirely abandoned. The voter puts in his ballot and takes what he gets afterward.

Trunkline M-96 is open from Grayling to Traverse City and is being used quite extensively in spite of winter snows and colds. This road is a great convenience and greatly shortens the route to the western part of the state. Kalkaska is only 26 miles, where connections may be made with the Pennsylvania railroad. Traverse City is only about 56 miles away. While there is no state road east to Luzerne, Mio and Harrisville, it is easily reached by good roads via Roscommon.

Five miles of new 22 ft. concrete pavement 8 inches thick, reinforced with steel, from Grayling south on US-27 was opened to traffic on December 1. This section is a part of the ultimate four-lane divided interstate highway from Detroit to the Straits of Mackinac, State Highway Commissioner Charles M. Ziegler said. This new pavement roughly parallels the old section of road which is narrow with many steep hills and poor sight distance. It is visible on the left in the picture. On the right of the picture is seen one of the State Highway Department roadside parks. The new road levels the hills, has no steep grades and affords clear vision the entire distance. Pending the construction of two additional lanes, the new section will be used during the winter months for two-way traffic. During the rest of the year it will be the north-bound lanes. (1955)

92 Years Ago
December 16, 1909

Mr. and Mrs. George Belmore are delegates to the meeting of the State Grange at Traverse City this week. Grayling will also be represented by Perry Ostrander and Mrs. Moon.

Detective Gleason of the M.C. railroad made a visit here Tuesday. He is a welcome visitor.

Good news from the home of w. Feldhauser at Maple Forest is that he is steadily improving from the serious operation of appendicitis.

Miss Elizabeth Cobb who has been principal of the Elmira School spent a few hours here Tuesday shaking hands with her friends.

Miss Sophie Peterson left for watertown, South Dakota, Tuesday afternoon. She will be missed by her many friends as she was an active member of both the Epworth League and of the Church. The League presented her with fine gold ring.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

GREEK OMELET

Cooking and Seasoning Spray
1/2 cup diced cooked potato
2 tbsp. sliced green onion
1 small clove garlic, minced
2 tsp. sliced black olives
1 1/2 cup artificial eggs
1 tbsp. skim milk
Dash of dried oregeno
Dash of black pepper
1 tbsp. Feta Cheese, crumbled

Spray 8-inch skillet or sauté pan with cooking and seasoning sprays. Cook and stir potatoes, green onion and garlic 1 or 2 minutes over medium heat until potato is lightly browned. Stir in olives. Meanwhile, combine eggs, milk, oregeno and pepper. Pour over mixture in skillet. Cook over medium heat, carefully lifting edges as mixture sets, to allow uncooked portion to flow to bottom of pan. Sprinkle Feta Cheese over half of the omelet. Carefully lift omelet and fold in half. Makes one serving.

HOROSCOPES
For the week of December 13th thru December 19th

ARIES
(Mar. 21- April 20)
Investments or risky financial ventures should be avoided at all costs. This is not the time to start new endeavors or make drastic changes. For best results, relax and pamper yourself. You will get along surprisingly well with employers and colleagues. Your discipline and determination will help you complete difficult projects on time.
Your lucky day this week will be Friday

TAURUS
(Apr. 21- may 21)
A reappearance of a past acquaintance will leave a bad taste in your mouth. Don't be afraid to ask for the money that was owed to you when that person conveniently disappeared. Physical changes will enhance your looks. Your competitive nature will give you the winning edge in sports events. Extravagance will be your downfall.
Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday

GEMINI
(May 22-June 21)
Empty promises will be disheartening. Try to get offers in writing before you celebrate. You can lose money or possessions if you aren't careful where you leave your valuables. Your emotions will be mounting. You will meet potential new mates through friends. Someone in your home environment may be unpredictable.
Your lucky day this week will be Thursday

CANCER
(June 22-July 22)
Your career will take a positive turn. The courses you were taking will payoff. Don't let friends or family put unreasonable demands on you or your time. You need to focus on your goals. Alterations made to your home will turn out better than you expected. Invite friends over to help do the finishing touches. You can impress everyone with your creative and innovative ideas.
Your lucky day this week will be Sunday

LEO
(July 23-Aug 22)
Be careful, someone you live with may not understand the way you feel about them. Be prepared to make changes that will help you feel more comfortable. A move may be required. Don't let your lover push you into doing things that you'd rather not do. You may want to start looking for a new love who has the same criteria as you do. You need to make changes.
Your lucky day this week will be Monday

VIRGO
(Aug. 23 -Sept. 23)
Alterations in your living arrangements are inevitable. Close friends may shed some light on your situation. Work diligently on sticking to your budget. Relatives or close friends will meddle in your private affairs if you confide in them. If you have frustrations, work them out by getting involved in competitive games.
Your lucky day this week will be Thursday

LIBRA
(Sept. 24 -Oct. 23)
You will be unstable about your financial situation. Don't be too worried, just stop spending unnecessarily. You need to be careful when it comes to joint finances. Romantic connections can be made through intellectual pursuits. Take time to get to know one another as friends before you move into a physical liaison.
Your lucky day this week will be Saturday

SCORPIO
(Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Your mate may not be too content. Don't push yourself on them. Try giving them a little space. They are likely having problems with the way you are running things at home. Your unique and original ideas may be blocked. Influential individuals may feel that you're ahead of your time. Don't get into debates that will damage your reputation.
Your lucky day this week will be Monday

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 23 -Dec. 21)
Travel should be on your mind. Even short trips to visit friends or relatives will prove to be interesting and informative. You need to interact with others. Your sensual way of expressing yourself will elicit romantic opportunities for you if you attend functions. Don't let children stand in the way of your happiness.
Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday

CAPRICORN
(Dec 22.- Jan. 20)
Concentrate on your job. Your emotional life may be up in the air if your mate has been going through a change of heart. Be understanding, but don't neglect your own needs. Someone you live with will be disgruntled if you haven't been too concerned about your household duties. Try to get along; do your work early and get out of the house.
Your lucky day this week will be Friday

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 21 -Feb. 19)
Expect your partner to be upset and emotional if you have been wrapped up in your own concerns. Make plans to spend some quality time together. You will spend more than necessary if you take trips. Don't pay for friends or peers. Be careful what you say, and to whom, if you don't want to be thought of as a gossip.
Your lucky day this week will be Monday

PISCES
(Feb. 20-Mar. 20)
You will face financial limitations if you haven't been putting money aside for an unforeseen expense. You must do some extra work if you want to get out of debt. Concentrate on making money and this will turn into a productive day. You can impress others with your creative flair and your ability to get the job done quickly.
Your lucky day this week will be Friday

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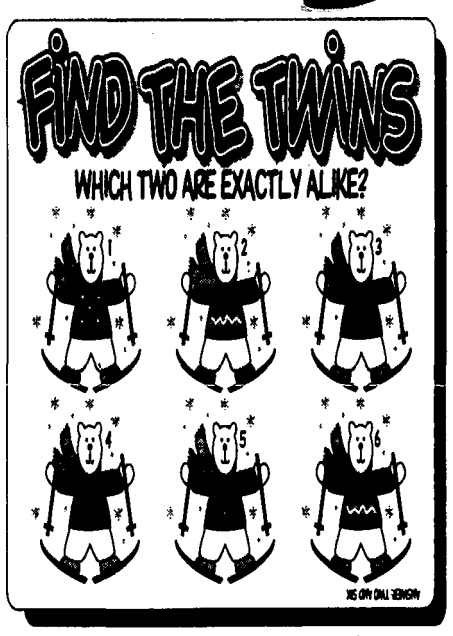

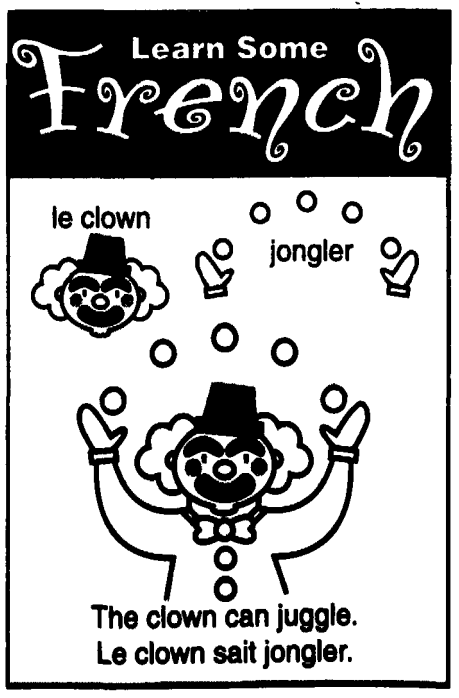

Adopt a Pet

This week's featured pet is a pit bull puppy. She is about 4 months old and beautiful. She is very friendly with people and other animals, too. There are many dogs and cats at the shelter looking for a loving home. Please call 348-4117 for more information or stop by the shelter today. Good news! The shepherd mix featured last week has gone home to her owner.

The Humane Society of the United States estimates nearly 8,000,000 animals are euthanized in our country each year -- most of them are puppies and kittens. Please spay or neuter your pets. If you cannot afford these procedures, there is help out there! Call the Shelter for more information or e-mail to: animal_director@yahoo.com. The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is a non-profit organization and welcomes donations. Mail check or money order to: ASCC, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738. Our Glen's number is #34024. Sign up today!

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County
is located at 508 1/2 Huron Street ***(M-72 East)***
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall
Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Sun. 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
After hour appointments available.

WEATHER
Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week

Date	H	L	Rain	Snow
12/5	54	47	0.02	
12/6	64	37	0.55	
12/7	46	26	0.01	
12/8	37	19		
12/9	37	19	0.05	1
12/10	36	25		
12/11	46	19		

Extended Forecast
(Courtesy of the U.S. Excite Weather)

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 45	High 45	High 37	High 39	High 43
Low 37	Low 27	Low 25	Low 30	Low 27
Showers	Showers	Mostly Cloudy	Showers	Showers

ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

Classifieds must be paid for in advance
Display Advertising Rate - $6.00 per column inch
Deadline for Display Classifieds - 12 noon, Monday
Classifieds by the word rate - $4.20 for 15 words or less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing: **www.townnews.com/avalanche/**
Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday

Crawford County Avalanche

1. Real Estate

MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN PROPERTIES www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99tf/1)

VACANT WOODED LAND Land Contract Terms $7,500. 989-348-7355. (11/8/01tf/1)

STREAM with 16.5 acres, surrounded by State and Federal Land on all sides! Amenities include a 1,440 sq. ft. home, attached 24x26 garage, 46x24 pole barn. **#4821 $385,000** ***Ask for Connie Winans!***

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1. Real Estate

H.U.D. APPROVED two, three, and four bedroom homes. Immediate occupancy, financing not a problem. Call 989-344-8810 or toll free 866-615-9511. (3/8/01tf/1)

JUST LISTED FOR LEASE 685 Sq. Ft. Office Space. Three offices, reception area and restroom. Located in the Grayling Industrial Park. 2307 DuPont, Grayling, Michigan. $685 per month, includes utilities. Contact Jon at 231-935-2684. (-6-13-20-27/1)

FOR SALE To be moved: 26' x 45' three bedroom 1 1/2 bath ranch home. $12,000 to Crawl, $15,000 to basement. Price includes home and move to your foundation house moving by Van Duinen. 989-422-3330 (-29-6-13-20/1)

1. Real Estate

VACANT WOODED LAND Land Contract Terms $7,500. 989-348-7355. (11/8/01tf/1)

GOLF COURSE BUILDING LOTS for sale. All lots are one to two acres. $29,000 to $49,000. Skyline Ski and Country Club. 989-275-5445 (9/27/01tf/1)

2. For Rent

GRAYLING Now accepting applications for Arbor Court Apartments. All two bedroom. Rent based on 30% of adjusted income. For more information or application call Sande at 989-366-4475 or call Richards Management, Inc. toll free 1-888-576-6468, TDD# 800-649-3777. Barrier free units available. Equal Housing Opportunity. (5/31/01tf/2)

1. Real Estate

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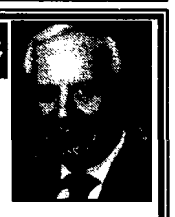

7,500 Sq. Ft. Industrial Building with office space and improvement on 2 acres M.O.L. All inquiries must be on a Confidential Agreement. ***Asking Price $350,000***

Century 21
Don Bowers, Commercial Specialist
Century 21 River Country Real Estate
Fax and Phone (989) 348-7966

2. For Rent

THREE BEDROOM HOME with garage, close to town. $615 per month. No pets. Call Connie 989-348-5474 days, or 989-348-6573 evenings. (-13-20-27/2)

THREE BEDROOM, TWO BATH mobile home for rent in Grayling Mobile Estates. Natural gas, cable TV and well maintained. Section 8 accepted. References required. $475 per month. Call Ron at 989-348-6761. (11/29/01tf/2)

1. Real Estate

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Christmas Special **10% OFF WITH THIS AD**
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Call 989-348-6878
Richard Thompson - Inspector
Grayling, MI
Member of F.R.E.A.

2. For Rent

TWO AND THREE BEDROOM cabins for rent. Very clean, quiet neighborhood 300 ft. from Lake Margrethe with view and full lake privileges and access. Fully furnished with garbage removal, snow plowing heat and electric included. Easy access with plowed road near National Guard Base. $100 and $125 per week with first/last and deposit. Long term leases preferred. Non drinkers, partiers, kids or pets. References and employment proof. Contact 989-348-2318. (-13-20/2)

TWO BEDROOM RANCH in like-new condition. New two car garage west of Grayling. $500 per month plus utilities and security deposit. 989-348-5384. (-13-20/2)

1. Real Estate

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2. For Rent

TWO BEDROOM MOBILE HOME for rent. No pets. Inquire at office at Timberly Village Mobile Home Park. Old 27 North. (7/12/01tf/2)

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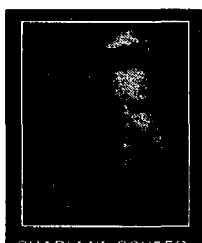

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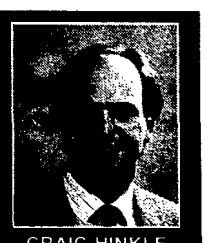

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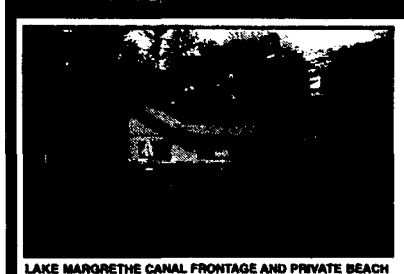
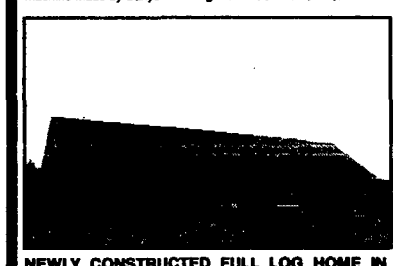
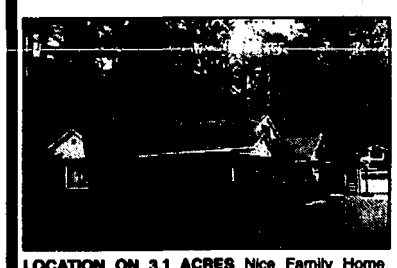


LAKE MARGRETHE CANAL FRONTAGE AND PRIVATE BEACH With all the extras included! Beautiful Chalet offers 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 baths, sauna lined with cedar and adjoining shower. A family room with split stone fireplace has a cathedral ceiling (pickled wood) that soars to balcony loft. Galley kitchen offers pegged wood floors. Appliances include Replica Hasty Baker cast iron electric stove, trash compactor, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, garbage disposal, built in toaster oven, washer & dryer. Built in Antique Pachinko machine made by Sanyo off dining room. **CS-1447 $169,500**



NEWLY CONSTRUCTED FULL LOG HOME IN BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP A stunning new log home offering 2,160 sq. ft., oak & pine hardwood floors, island counter in kitchen, 14' cathedral ceilings in the Great Room, split floor plan and perfect for Log Home Lovers as residential or recreational. Adjoins state land, next to snowmobile trails. **CS-1451 $230,000**



LOCATION ON 3.1 ACRES Nice Family Home offers 3 Bedrooms, 1 bath with 1412 square feet. Fireplace. Additional cottage 560 sq. ft. with stove and refrigerator. Nice quiet area, just 4 1/2 miles to Beaver Creek Township Park. Also included storage shed plus wood sheds. Close to Higgins Lake. **CS-1470 $78,500**

WOODED SETTING CLOSE TO TOWN! This 3-4 Bedroom Ranch home has been very well maintained with 960 sq. ft. and a full basement 3/4 finished with den or bedroom. 1 1/2 baths, Natural gas heat, cable T.V. Oak Kitchen Cabinets, appliances include stove, refrigerator, trash compactor, and dryer. Also included is well air conditioner and dehumidifier. New vinyl siding 3 years old. New roof May 2001, new garage door and door opener. Garage is 16x24 and has gas heat and floor drain. Cement Approach, Basketball Hoop, Shed 8x8 with vinyl siding and wood floor. Seller relocating. **CS-1481 $78,500**

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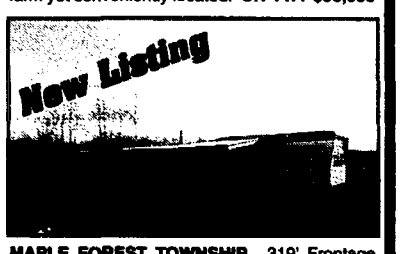
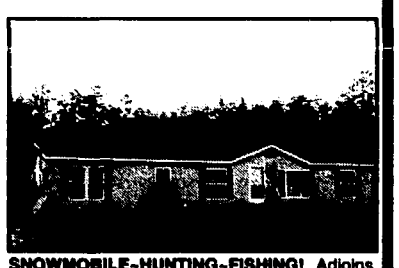


MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP. 319' Frontage County Road 612. 2.4 Acres parcel 11 recently surveyed. 12 x 56 mobile sold "As Is". 10 x 36 Covered Porch. Adjoining 1.8 Acres available with land contract terms. I-75 to Frederic/Lewiston Exit, (County Road 612) go east 2.7 miles to sign on right. **CH-1478 $16,900**



SNOWMOBILE-HUNTING-FISHING! Adjoins State Land on back side. Perfect home or cabin. 1998 home has been completely drywalled throughout!! 1,700 s.f., 3 B/R, 2 bath, formal dining room, family room, kitchen nook, vaulted ceilings. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher,washer, and dryer included. **CH-1464 $79,900**

52' FRONTAGE ON BIG CREEK WITH FOUR ADDITIONAL BACK LOTS!! Freshly renovated waterfront getaway. 1,074 s.f., 2 B/R, 1 bath. T&G wood walls in family room, living room, kitchen, and dining. Wood beamed ceiling. New kitchen cabinets, countertops, ceramic tile floors, interior paint, and floor coverings. Doorwall onto extensive decking. **CH-1340 $89,900**

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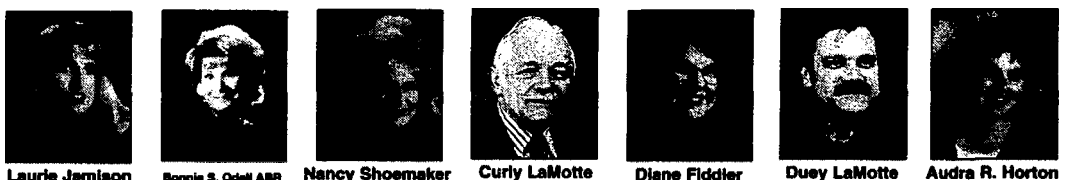

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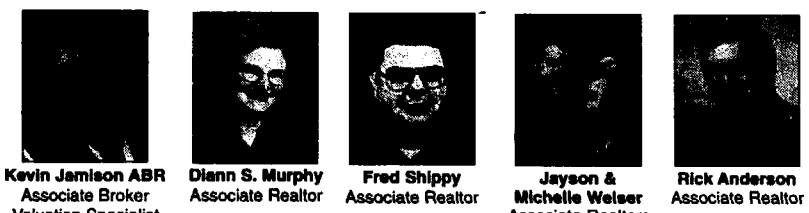

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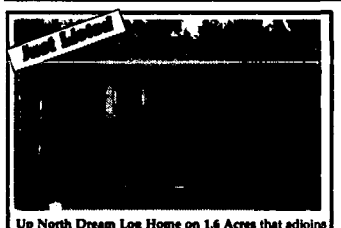
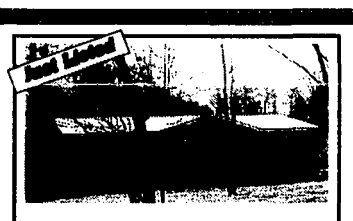


Up North Dream Log Home on 1.6 Acres that adjoins 1000's of acres of state land to the back. Amenities include deck, 3 B/R, 3 bath, natural fieldstone fireplace, master suite with jet tub, large mud room, full log staircase & front porch, & central air. Beautiful Setting! Seller is a licensed real estate agent. **#14739 $175,000**



Newer Home in Dodge Lake Sub. Association offers lake access. Amenities include 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, appliances, 30x30 pole Barn, fenced in yard, vinyl siding, chain link fence in back & Gaylord Schools. Beautiful Home. **#14688 $105,000**

Great Price for this Mobile Home. Includes a 20x10 foot deck. Seller is licensed real estate agent. 3 bedrooms, Natural Gas Heat, Large Deck and Appliances. Land Contract Available. **#14710 $29,000**

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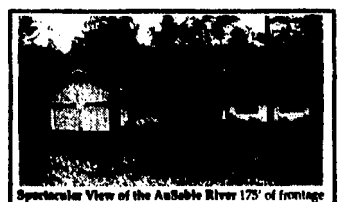
Wonderful Starter Home in City Close to schools. 3 bedrooms with attached garage. Sunroom and fenced-in back yard. Vacant and ready to move into. **#14318 $55,000**



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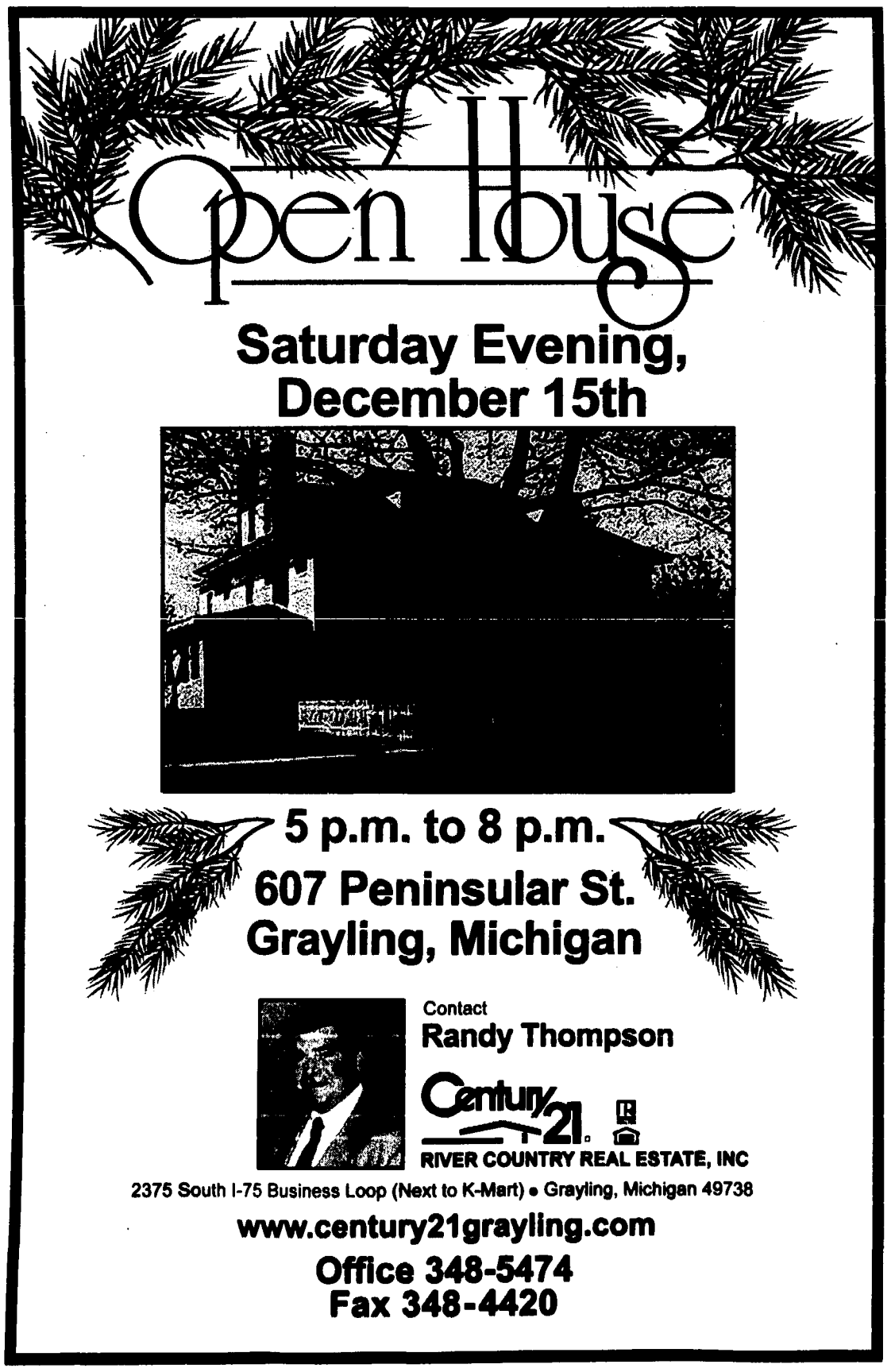

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THE GRAYLING Family Practice Clinic is accepting applications for Nurses or Certified Medical Assistants. Send resume to 1010 N. Down River Rd. W., Grayling, MI 49738, or stop in and fill out an application. If you have any questions, please call 989-344-3312. (-6-13/3)

LIVE IN CAREGIVER for elderly woman, Grayling area. Call 989-348-5741 (LR12/13/01/3)

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3. Employment

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220 WELDER, AIR TOOLS Vise (big for pipe). New upright freezer. $275. O.B.O. 989-348-8644. (-13/5)

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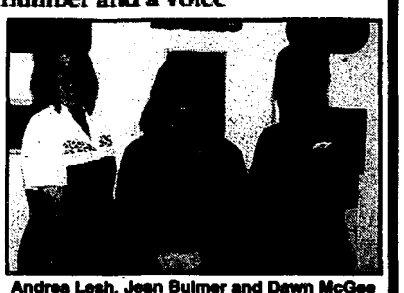

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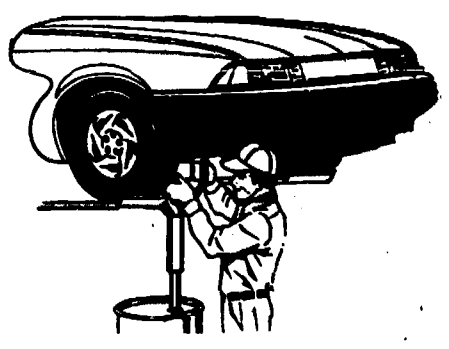
11. Automotive



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6. Wanted

FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED Boysville of Michigan is seeking families in Cadillac, Grayling, Cheboygan and throughout Northern Michigan to join our team, providing safe, loving homes for children ages 10-17 years. As a team member of Boysville of Michigan you will receive weekly support services, biweekly compensation and ongoing training. If you are interested in joining a professional team and opening your heart and home in caring for children, please call 1-800-235-9664. (LR12/27/01/6)

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7. Miscellaneous

SLEDHEADS OF FREDERIC for all your snowmobile parts and accessories. Call 989-DIG-SNOW. (11/29/01tf/7)

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FREE TO GOOD loving home. Five year old female Beagle mix, spayed, housebroken, very sweet dog. Needs lots of attention. Perfect for older couple or family with kids. 989-344-0365. (-13/7)

8. Announcements

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8. Announcements

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JARS, JARS, JARS - Hand painted and dishwasher safe $4. Available at Goodale's Bakery. Hand-painted plates $5. Custom orders taken thru 19th for Christmas. (-13/8)

10. Garage Sales

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11. Automotive

FOR SALE 1987 Chevy Celebrity, lots of miles but runs well. $400 or best offer. 989-348-9517. (-13/11)

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FOR SALE 1987 Buick LeSabre Sedan, V6, 3.8 liter automatic, great motor, needs some repairs or maybe just for parts, fair condition. Asking $500. Call 989-348-6184. (-13-20-27/11)

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FOR SALE Four door, '92 Cutlass Supreme. 119,000 miles. Good condition. $3,000. Call 989-348-9517 after 5. (-13/11)

1987 SUBURBAN in good running condition. Call 989-348-6611 and leave message. (-6-13-20/11)

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11. Automotive

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Starting at $19,988 Not a Mistake!

01 Chrysler PT Cruise
Limited with leather, power sunroof, full power, loaded. Very hot INFERNO RED color! Only 4700 miles! What a deal! #18186-1 Was $20,988
Starting at $18,988 Not a Mistake!

99 Buick LeSabre
Sand Beige with lots of equipment! Clean as a whistle. #18466-1
Was $16,988
Blowout Price $13,988 Not a Mistake!

98 Buick Park Avenue
Beautiful car, equipped, not stripped. Leather, all the goodies! #4716-1
Was $16,988
Blowout Price $14,988 Not a Mistake!

01 Chrysler Intrepid
Black, Sharp, and Cheap! Don't pay $25,000! #4735
Was $17,988
Blowout Price $14,988 Not a Mistake!

99 Chevrolet Malibu LS
Loaded! Leather with power moon roof, CD, all of the goodies! Low miles! Won't last long! #4684
Was $15,988
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99 Buick Century
Nice car, good color, nicely equipped and on sale now! #4640
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97 Buick Regal
4 dr., LS, leather interior, CD/cassette, very clean! The Works! Stock#18600-1
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99 Cadillac SeVille
Really sharp with leather and all of the options! You gotta see this one! #22178
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Clean Cars Under $10,000

93 Oldsmobile 88 Royale
Loaded with options! Neat as a pin! Only 61,000 miles! This one won't last! #18555-1
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Beautiful Condition and has a lot of life left in it. Leather, loaded! Used cars in this condition don't last. #4629-1
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Blowout Price $5,988 Not a Mistake!

00 Prizm
Auto with air! A great economy car! #4785
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96 Oldsmobile Ciera
Very clean, V6, locally owned, won't last long! #18644-1
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Blowout Price $3,988 Not a Mistake!

93 Lincoln Continental
Nice clean car, luxury ride for an economy price. #4764-1
Was $4,988
Blowout Price $3,488 Not a Mistake!

98 Pontiac Grand Am GT Coupe
WOW, sharp and in great condition! Loaded with leather, power sunroof, CD, full power, aluminum wheels. Low miles. Will be gone fast! #4790 Was $12,988
Blowout Price $9,988 Not a Mistake!

1996 Ford Taurus
Auto. with air, a very nice car for the money! #17668-2
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98 Olds Achieva
V6, auto, very nicely equipped, great as gas! #18493-2
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97 Lincoln Continental
Leather, clean as a whistle, must see! #17796-1
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Blowout Price $7,988 Not a Mistake!

94 Chevrolet Caprice Classic
Leather, V8, neat as a pin! They don't make 'em like this anymore! Only 64,000, miles. #18311-2
Was $9,988
Blowout Price $6,988 Not a Mistake!

98 Pontiac Sunfire Coupe
Auto with Air! Red and Sharp! Only 29,000 miles! #4677
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Blowout Price $8,988 Not a Mistake!

98 Oldsmobile Intrigue
Very clean and loaded with options! Great mid size car with lots of pizzazz! #4752
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95 Chevy Lumina
One owner, clean as they come! Only 31,000 miles! #4745-1
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98 Pontiac Grand AM SE
Drive a Sharp Grand Am for the price other people pay for a Cavalier! #4763
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92 Oldsmobile Ninety Eight
Luxury at an affordable price! Very good condition! Don't wait! Stock#18448-1
Was $4,988
Blowout Price $2,988 Not a Mistake!

97 Buick LeSabre
Very Clean and Sharp for a price you won't be able to pass up! Don't pay big city prices! Stock#18584-1
Was $11,988
Blowout Price $9,488 Not a Mistake!

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96 Chevy K1500 Ext. Cab 4x4
Really nice truck with nice "Leer" fiberglass topper, bedliner, 5.7 V8, really good tires. Fully equipped! Stock#18625-1
Was $14,988
Blowout Price $12,988 Not a Mistake!

01 Dodge Dakota Quad Cab
4 full doors, 4x4, black, loaded, V8, under 20,000 miles. What a truck! Don't sneeze you'll loose! #18372-1
Was $22,988
Blowout Price $20,988 Not a Mistake!

99 Chevy K1500
Extended Cab 4x4, 350 V8, Silverado trim, 3 door, loaded up! #4693-1
Was $19,988
Blowout Price $17,988 Not a Mistake!

00 Chevy Venture
Extended, LS trim, loaded with full power, rear air, 4 captains chairs, really nice van. #18582-1
Was $16,988
Blowout Price $14,988 Not a Mistake!

00 Oldsmobile Bravada
Loaded with power moon roof, leather, heated seats, the works! low miles! Awesome pewter color. This one will beg one if you wait. #18584
Was $22,988
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98 Dodge Ram Club Cab
4x4, SLT, V-8, fully equipped, sharp and priced right! Stock#18572-1
Was $16,988
Blowout Price $14,988 Not a Mistake!

99 Chevy Blazer Zr2 2 door
High Rider Suspension, huge tires, loaded! You gotta see this! #4771
Was $16,988
Blowout Price $15,488 Not a Mistake!

00 Chevy Tracker 4dr. 4x4
Loaded, automatic with air, tilt, cruise, power options, CD, anti-lock brakes, the works! Only 22,000 miles! #4704
Was $15,688
Blowout Price $13,788 Not a Mistake!

00 GMC Sierra Ext. Cab 4x4
SLE loaded V8, all the goodies! #4719
Was $22,988
Blowout Price $20,988 Not a Mistake!

01 Chevy S10 Ext. Cab 4x4
Only 12,000 miles! With fiberglass topper! V6 Auto, Air, lots of extras! #18319-1
Was $19,988
Blowout Price $17,988 Not a Mistake!

98 Ford F150 SuperCab 4x4
XLT lariat with leather, off road pkg. Fiberglass topper, loaded, loaded, loaded! It would look great parked in your driveway! #18318-1
Was $19,988
Blowout Price $17,488 Not a Mistake!

99 Jeep Wrangler 4x4
Hardtop, V6, automatic, air, lots of options! SHARP! #18455-1
Was $16,988
Blowout Price $15,488 Not a Mistake!

98 GMC Conversion Van
Sharp, loaded and cheap! Take advantage of a great deal! #17919-1
Was $14,988
Blowout Price $12,988 Not a Mistake!

Clean Trucks, SUV's and Vans under $10,000

00 Chevy Tracker 4 dr.
2 Wheel drive Sport Utility, Auto, Air, Lots of options! #4611 Was $13,488
Blowout Price $9,988 Not a Mistake!

95 Chevy Blazer 4.dr. 4x4
LT with leather, very clean and sharp! When you can buy a nice sport utility like this for a blowout price, you better not snooze! #18458-1
Was $7,988
Blowout Price $5,988 Not a Mistake!

95 GMC Jimmy
4 dr. 4x4 SLE - Sharp! Two tone paint, loaded with options, great condition! #18343-1
Was $12,988
Blowout Price $9,488 Not a Mistake!

98 Chevy Tracker 2dr. 4x4 Convertible
Auto, Air, Music, All the essentials! Only 20,000 miles. #4746
Was $11,988
Blowout Price $9,988 Not a Mistake!

93 Plymouth Voyager
V6, clean, a nice van at a great price! Only 76,000 miles! #18512-1
Was $6,988
Blowout Price $4,988 Not a Mistake!

97 Chevy Astrovan
Really clean customized van for a great price! You can't find another van this nice for this money! Don't sneeze. Stock#18525-1 Was $7,988
Blowout Price $5,988 Not a Mistake!

95 Chevy G20 Conversion Van
Only 55,000 miles! Loaded and ready for your family! Stock#18515-2
Was $11,988
Blowout Price $9,988 Not a Mistake!

94 Ford Ranger
Reg. Cab. 2wd Long box, only 56,000 miles. 4 spd, manual, very clean, must seat #18523-3
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Blowout Price $4,988 Not a Mistake!

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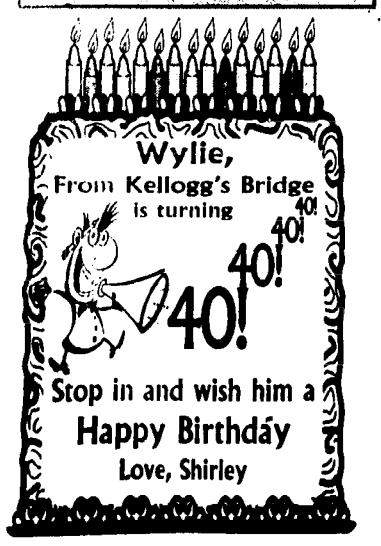
9. Personals



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